

Naturalists and Imagination

- Such, then, was the state of my imaginative life; over against it stood the life of my intellect. The two hemispheres of my mind were in the sharpest contrast. On the one side a many-islanded sea of poetry and myth; on the other a glib and shallow 'rationalism.' Nearly all that I loved I believed to be imaginary; nearly all that I believed to be real I thought grim and meaningless.
- Lewis saw the logical conclusion of his atheism as a "grim and meaningless universe." Atheist Bertrand Russell made a similar observation that atheists must build their lives on the basis of "unyielding despair." Art Lindsley (C S Lewis Institute)
- Nobody lives in the 'objective' world, only in a world filtered through the imagination." Czeslaw Milosz

Seeing What You Can't See

- Joel
- A rose

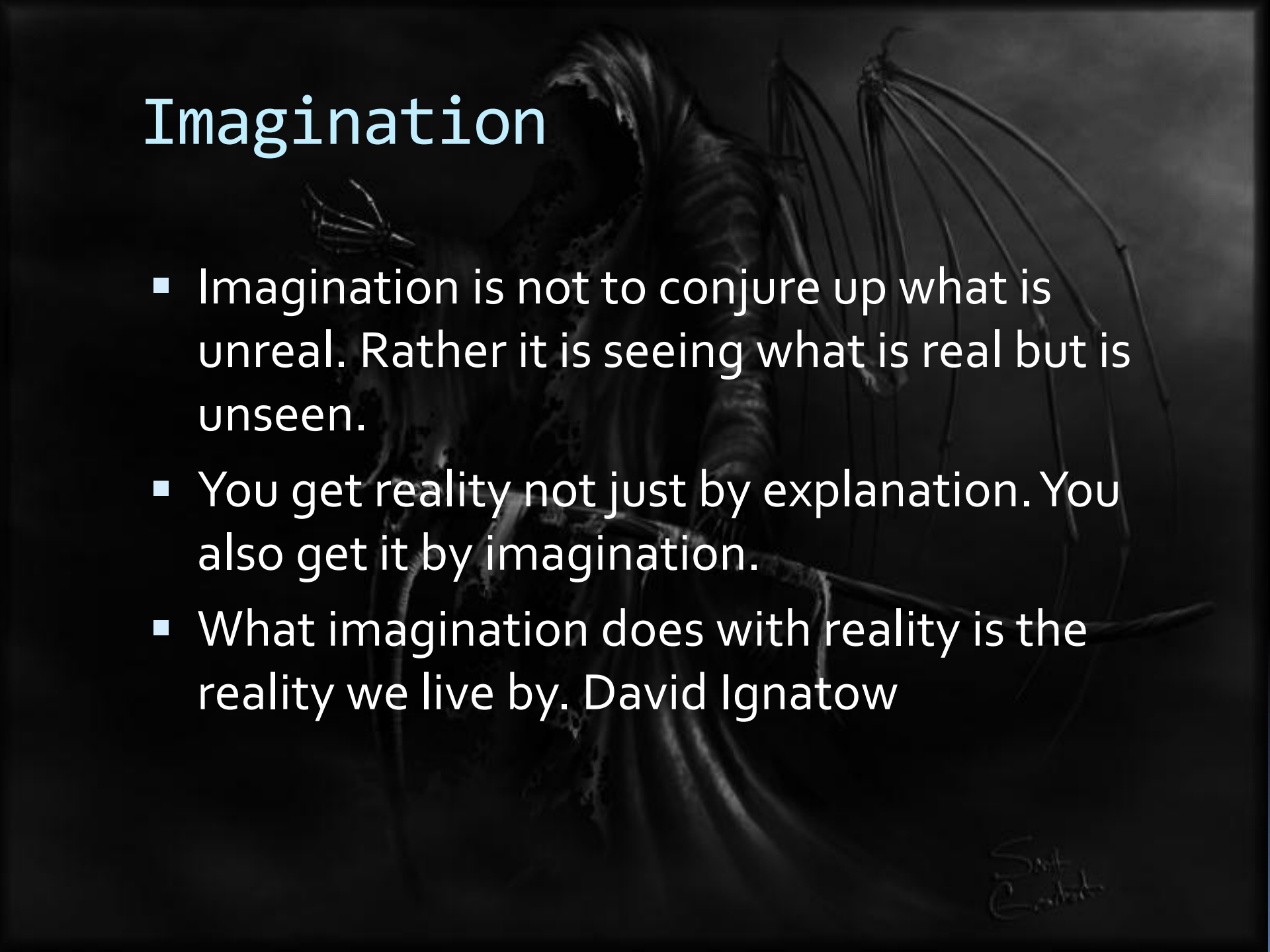


Eugene Peterson on the Imagination

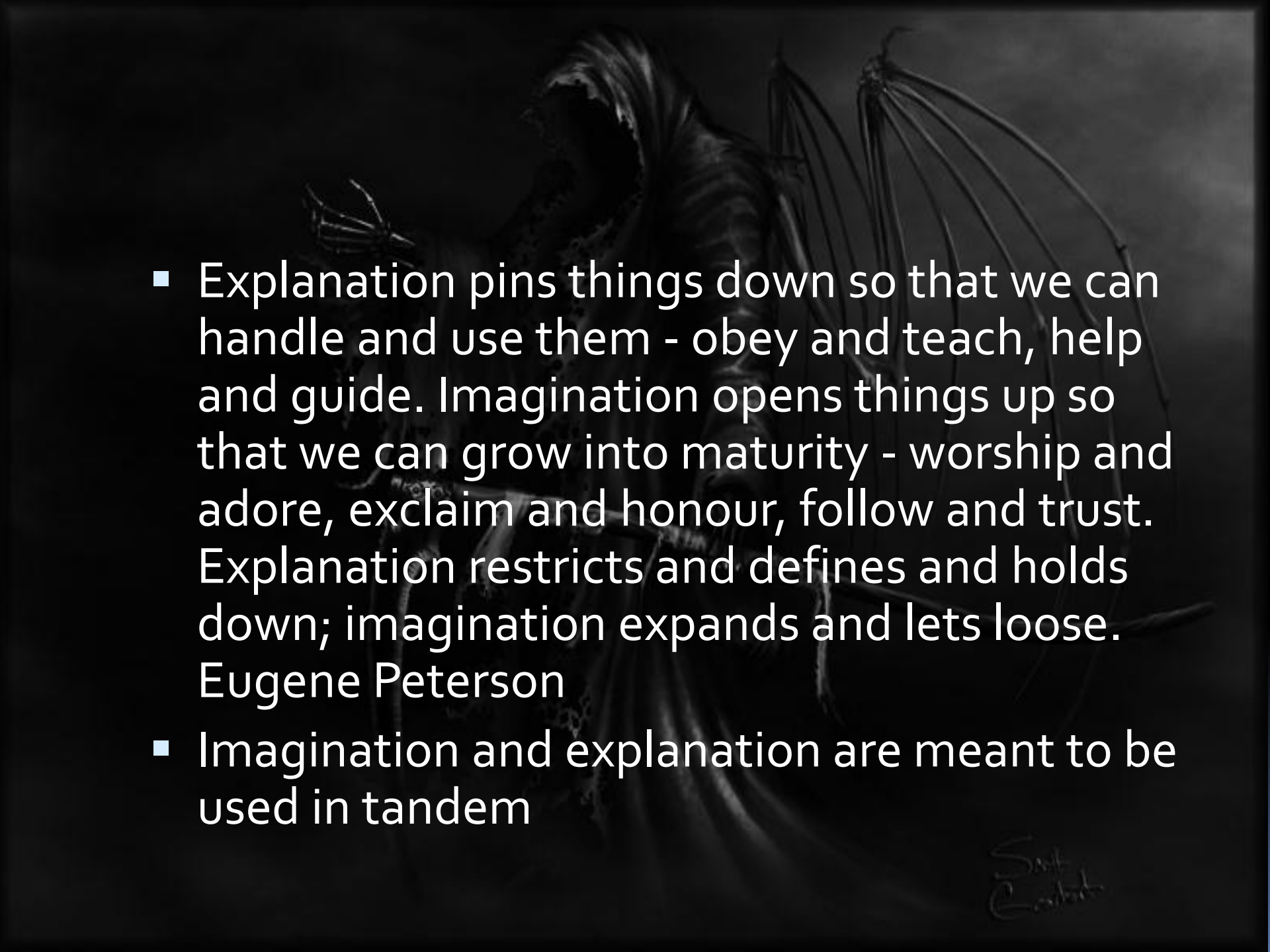
When I look at a tree, most of what I "see" I do not see at all. I see a root system beneath the surface, sending tendrils through the soil, sucking up nutrients out of the loam. I see the light pouring energy into the leaves. I see the fruit that will appear in a few months. I stare and stare and see the bare branches austere in next winter's snow and wind. I see all that, I really do - I am not making it up. But I could not photograph it. I see it by means of imagination. If my imagination is stunted or inactive, I will only see what I can use, or something that is in my way.

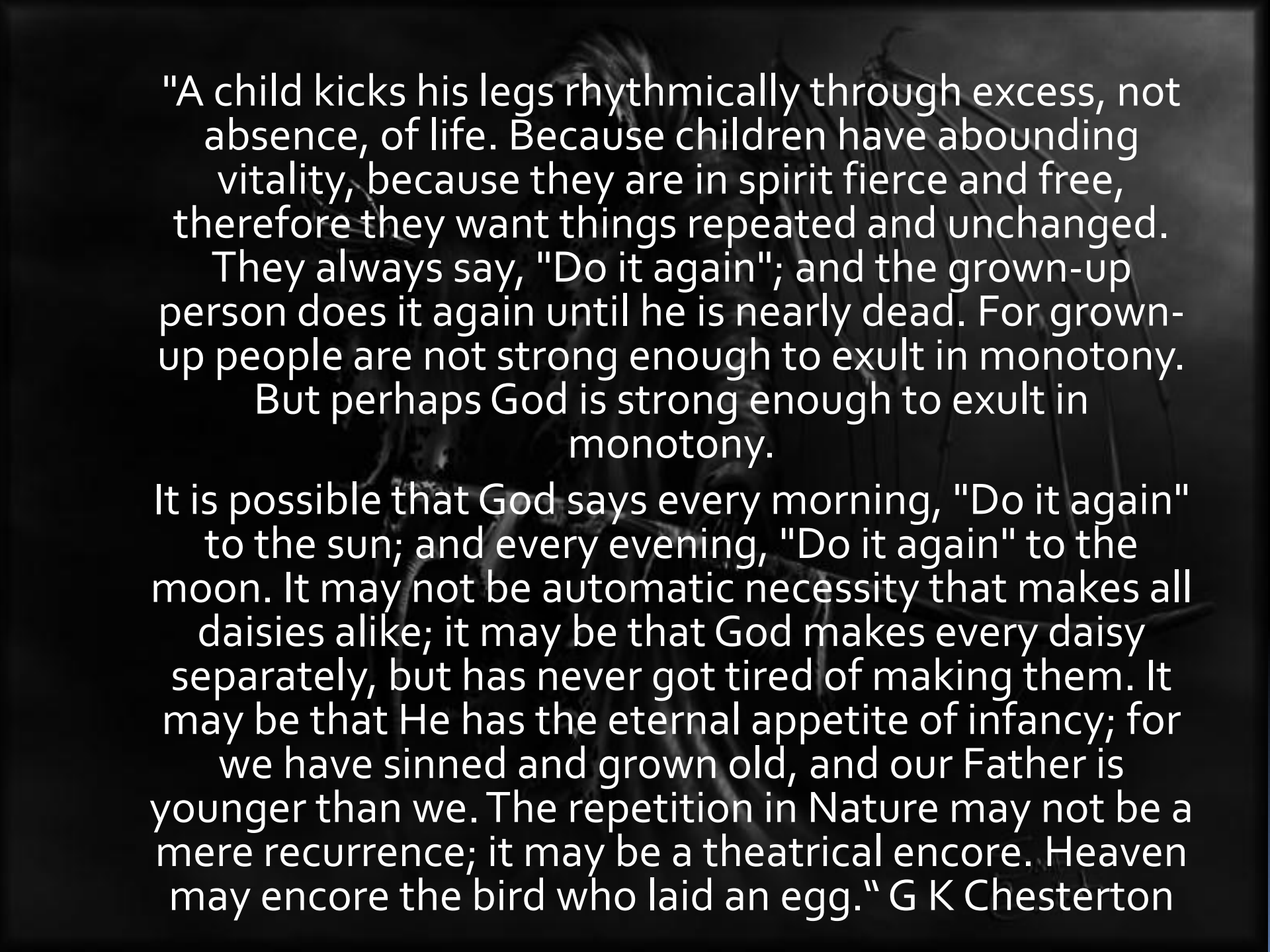
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Imagination



- Imagination is not to conjure up what is unreal. Rather it is seeing what is real but is unseen.
- You get reality not just by explanation. You also get it by imagination.
- What imagination does with reality is the reality we live by. David Ignatow

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- Explanation pins things down so that we can handle and use them - obey and teach, help and guide. Imagination opens things up so that we can grow into maturity - worship and adore, exclaim and honour, follow and trust. Explanation restricts and defines and holds down; imagination expands and lets loose. Eugene Peterson
 - Imagination and explanation are meant to be used in tandem

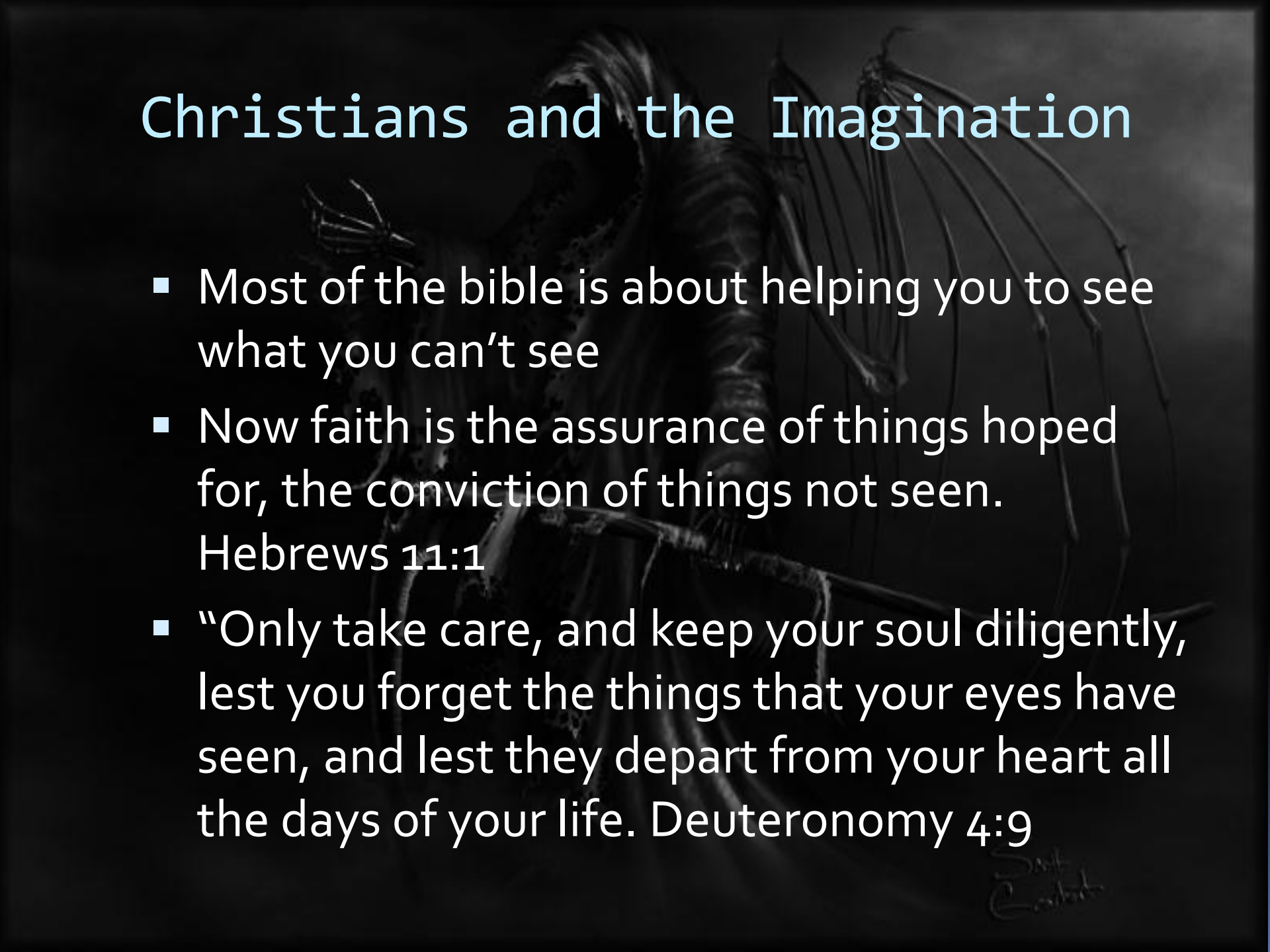


"A child kicks his legs rhythmically through excess, not absence, of life. Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged.

They always say, "Do it again"; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony.

It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we. The repetition in Nature may not be a mere recurrence; it may be a theatrical encore. Heaven may encore the bird who laid an egg." G K Chesterton

Christians and the Imagination



- Most of the bible is about helping you to see what you can't see
- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1
- "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Deuteronomy 4:9

Job and Rain

“As for me, I would seek God, and to God would I commit my cause, who does great things and unsearchable, marvellous things without number: he gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the fields ... Job 5:8–10

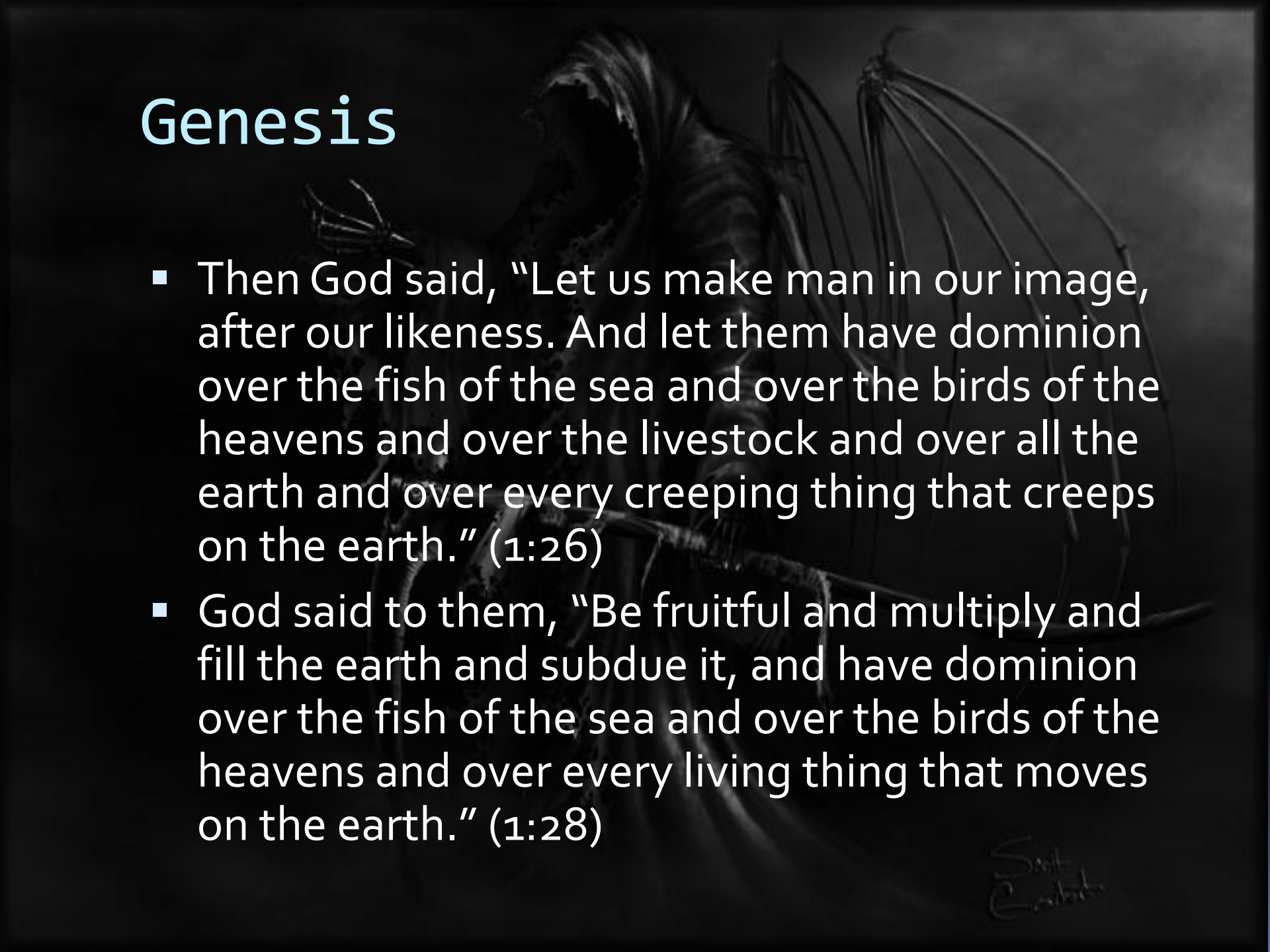
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Close Parentheses

- 5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. 6 It has been testified somewhere, "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 honour, 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet."
- Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control.

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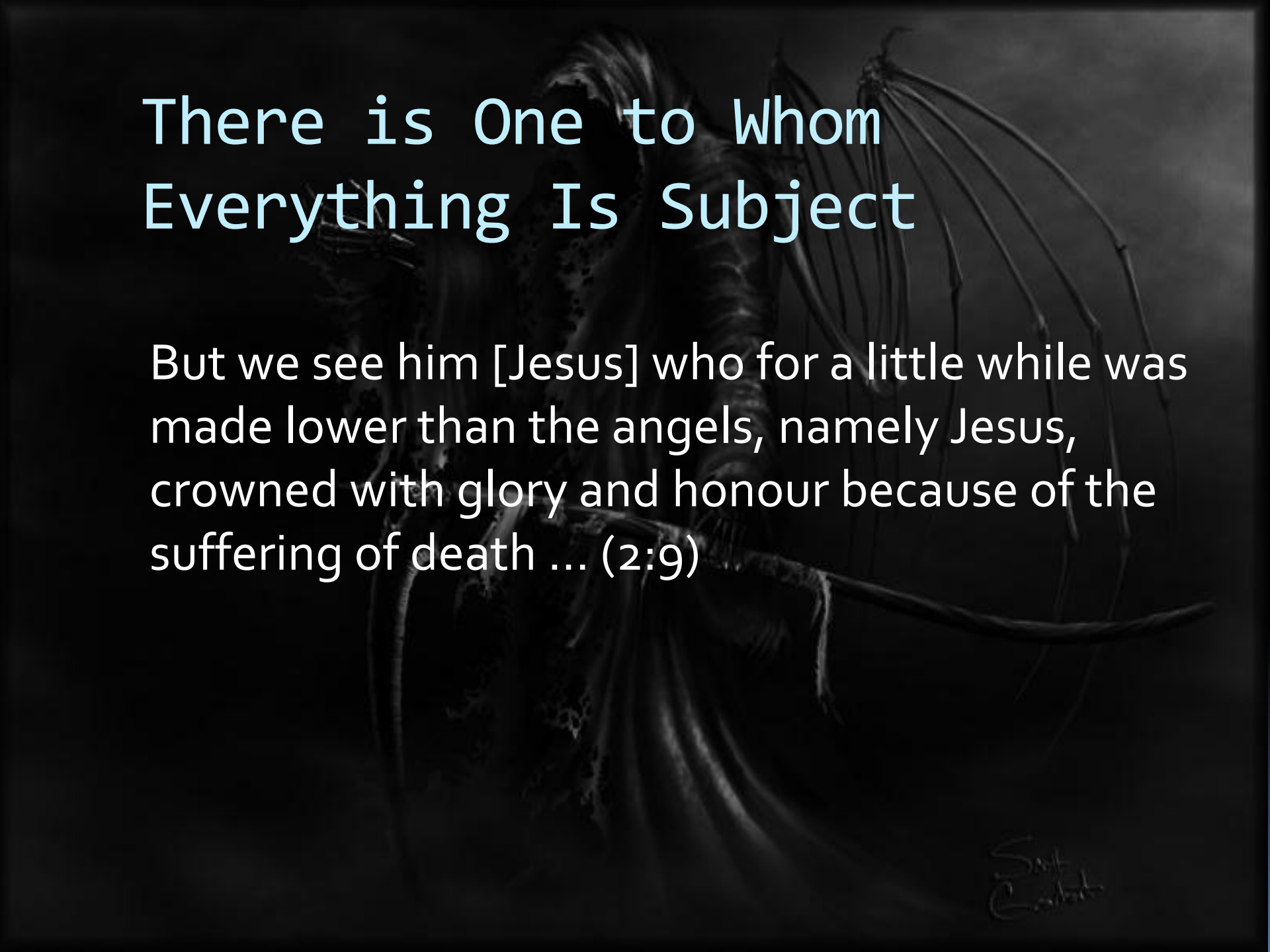
Genesis



- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (1:26)
- God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (1:28)

Not in Subjection

- At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. (2:8)
- “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 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.” (Ge 3:17–19)



There is One to Whom Everything Is Subject

But we see him [Jesus] who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death ... (2:9)



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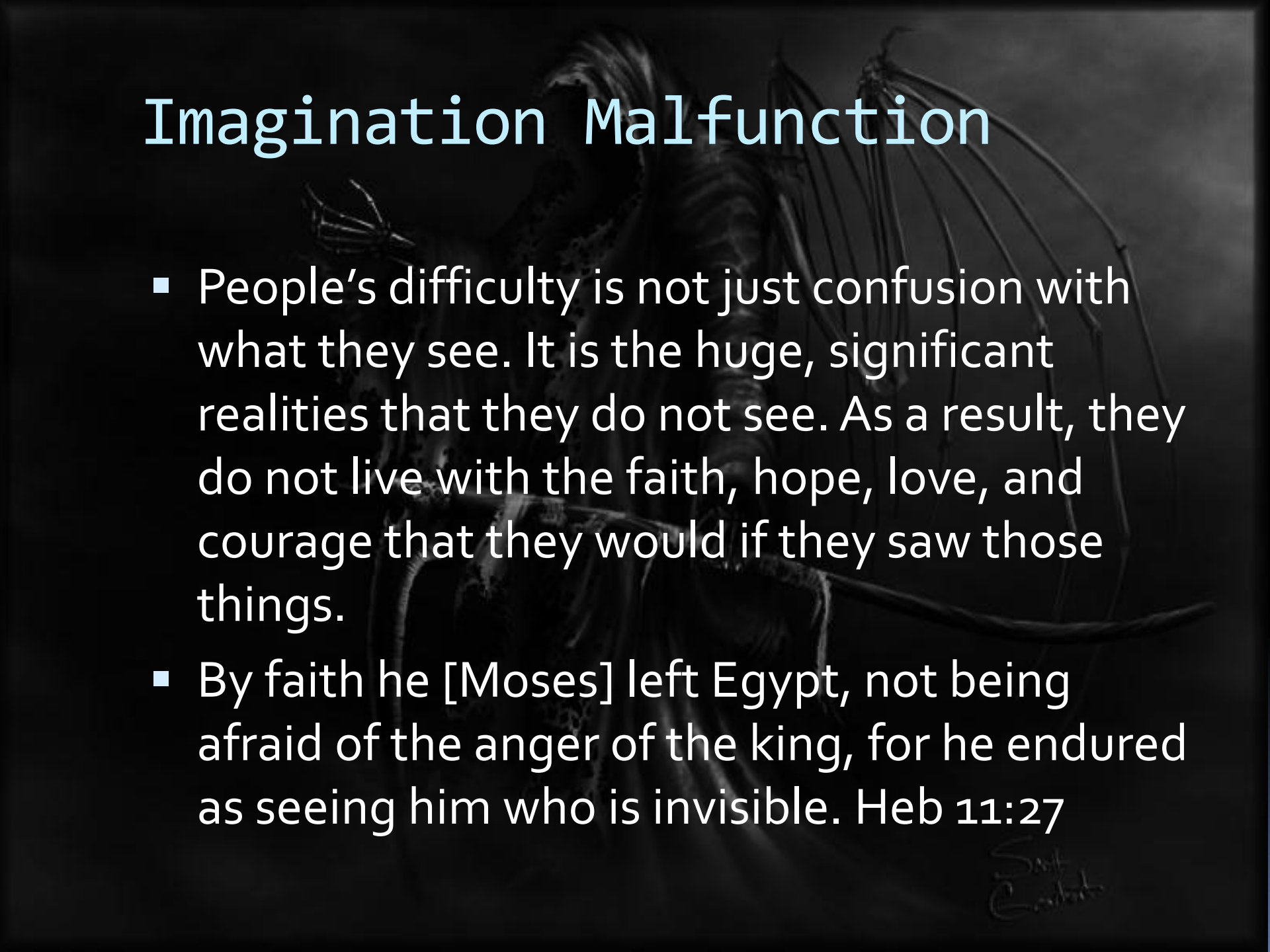
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Imagination Malfunction



- People's difficulty is not just confusion with what they see. It is the huge, significant realities that they do not see. As a result, they do not live with the faith, hope, love, and courage that they would if they saw those things.
- By faith he [Moses] left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. Heb 11:27

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Isaiah 40 Hope

- To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.
- Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
- Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Is 40:25–31)

The Big Problem: Death

Enter Your Information:

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Month of Birth: September

Year of Birth: 1973

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Mode: Pessimistic

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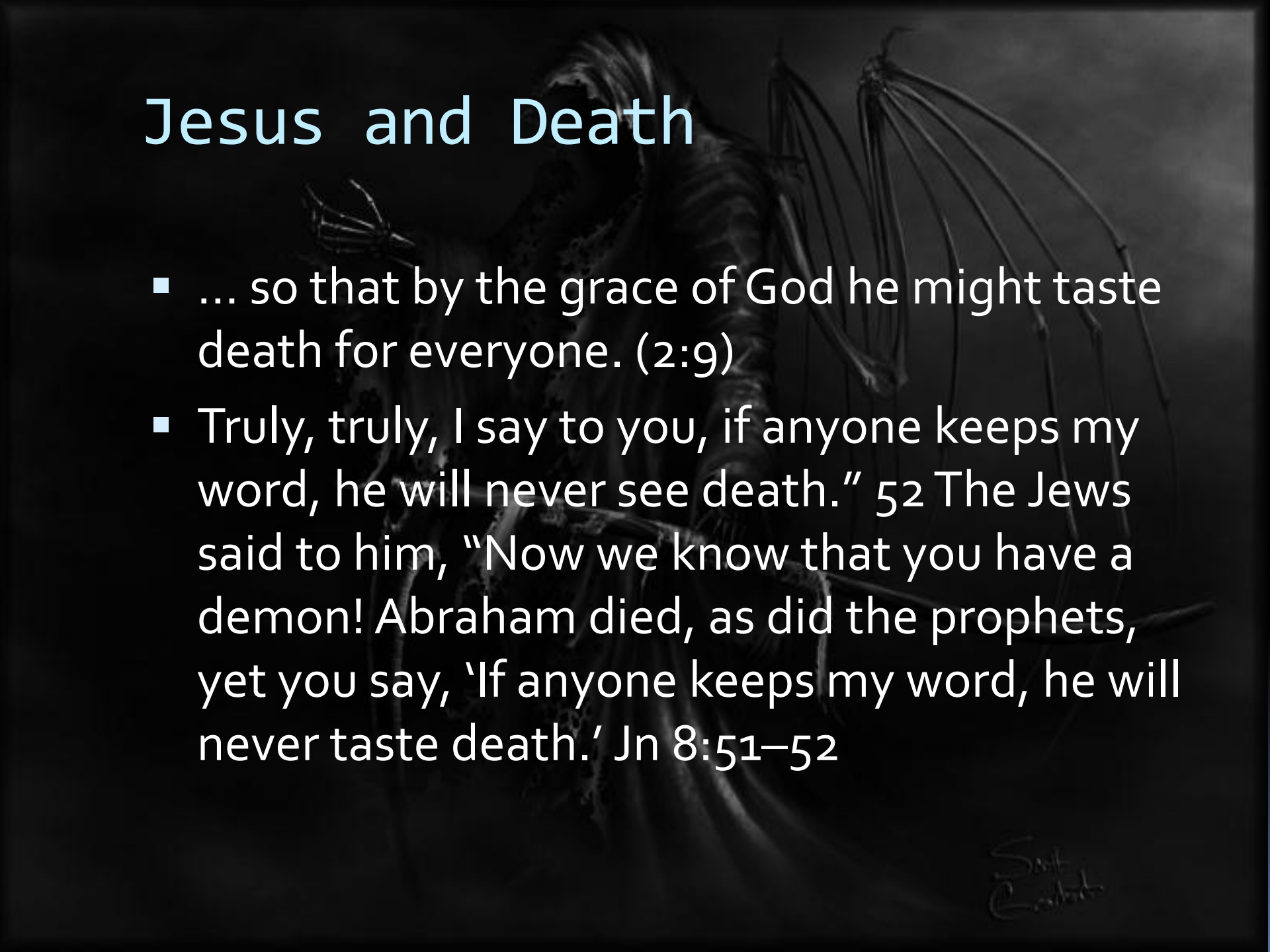
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Jesus and Death



- ... so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. (2:9)
- Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” 52 The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Jn 8:51–52