

APOLOGETICS

IN ONE LESSON

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Lesson 16

With the Gospel, I See the World as It Is

Key Takeaways (review)

1

Circumstantial evidence is valid; and has the advantage of coming from different sources

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The Gospels include many “undesigned coincidences” which are difficult to explain if they were made up

3

Differences between the Gospel accounts give support to them including **independent accounts**

“When I encountered arguments and evidence for Christianity, my reason was finally able to align with my imagination, which, **like a compass needle, had tremulously pointed toward true north for many years.**”

HOLLY ORDWAY
Not God's Type



Values & Needs

“I *want* Christianity to be true”

Christianity can explain values
(why racism is wrong, why truth matters, etc.)

Christianity can fill our deepest needs
(hope, love, forgiveness, justice)

Facts

“I *believe* Christianity is true”

Undesigned coincidences

Eyewitness sources

Christianity shouldn't exist
(if not for Jesus' resurrection)

Ancient Jewish teaching practices

Prophecy (Isaiah 53)

IDEA IN BRIEF

What?

The Gospel explains the way that the world is (and explains *us*)

Why?

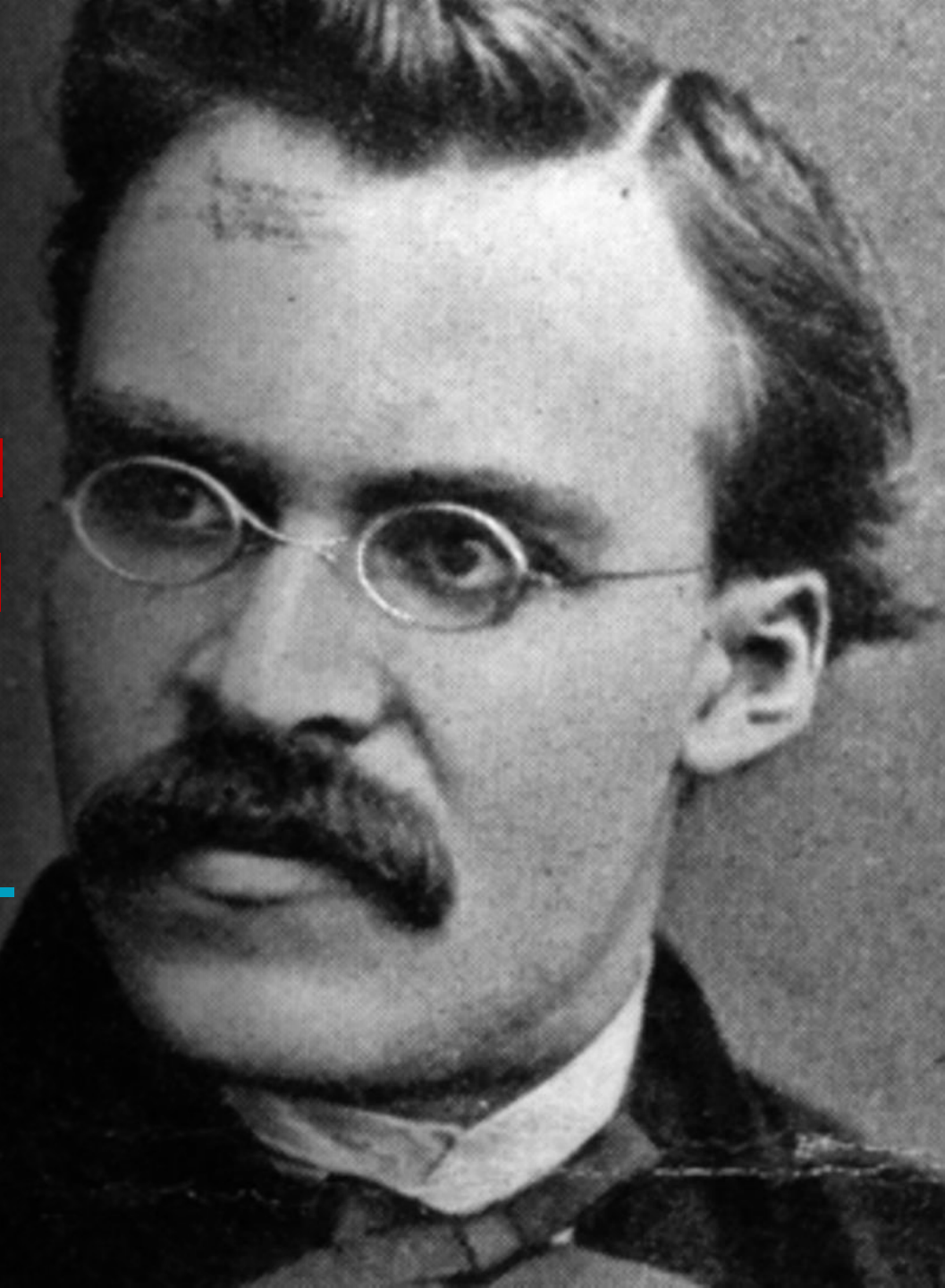
To show that the Gospel is able to answer questions that a strictly materialistic worldview cannot

How?

By considering ways in which the Gospel story resonates with the human condition

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List out some ways in which David Wood lived out his Atheism

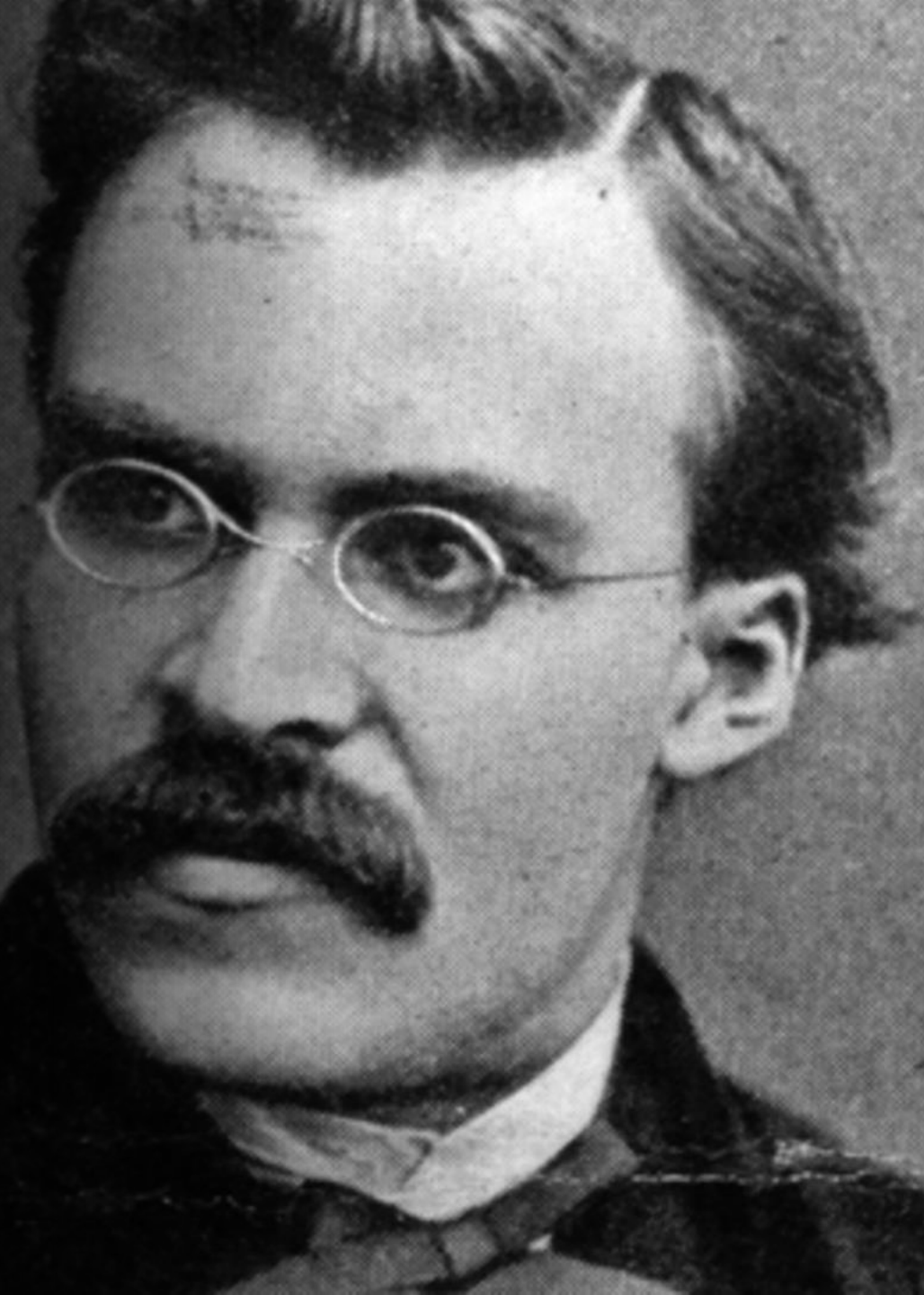
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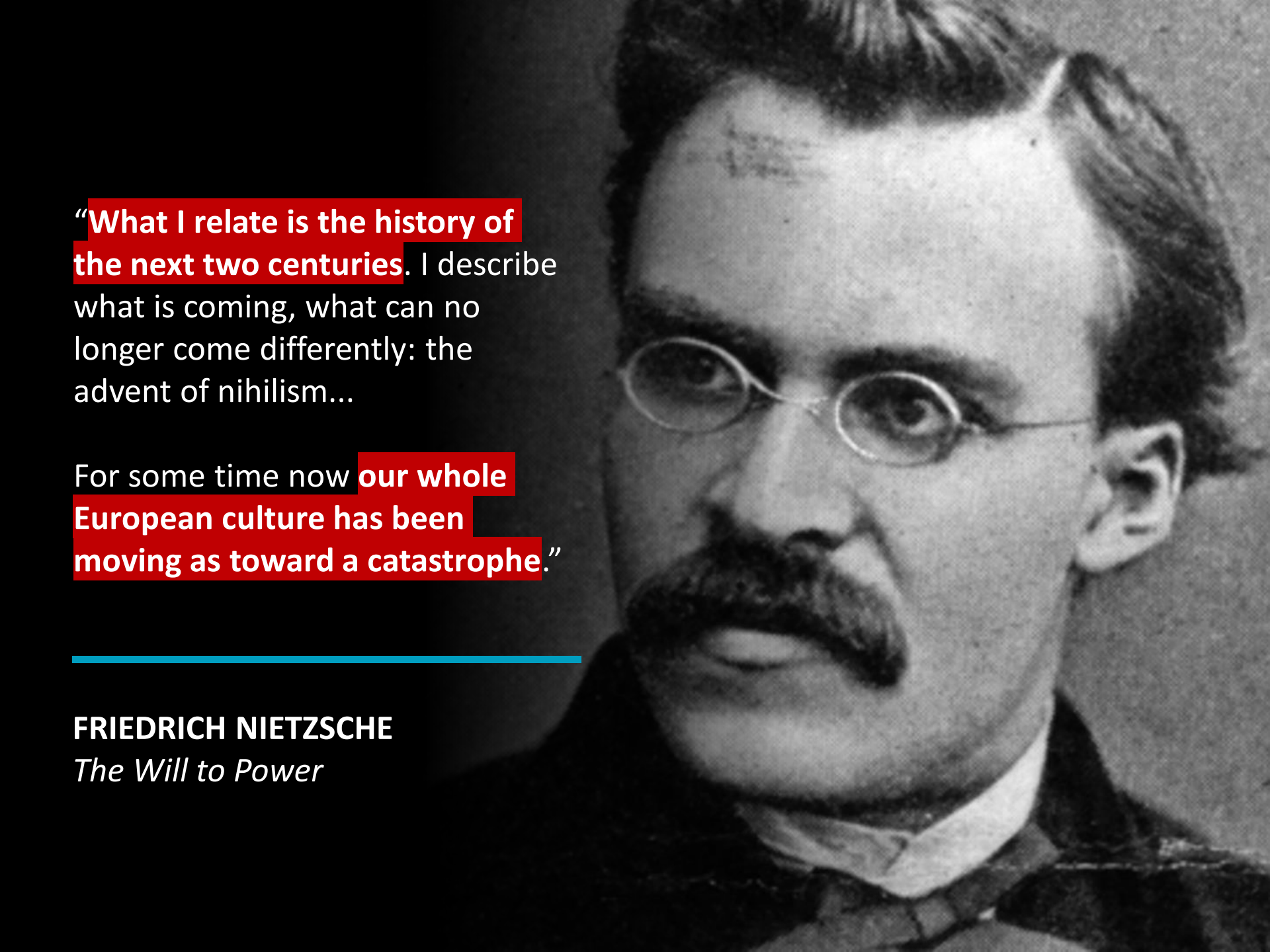
“God is dead. God remains dead.
And we have killed him. How shall
we comfort ourselves, the
murderers of all murderers? **What
was holiest and mightiest of all
that the world has yet owned has
bled to death under our knives:
who will wipe this blood off us?**
What water is there for us to
clean ourselves?”

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE
Thus Spoke Zarathustra

“When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from under one's feet. **This morality is by no means self-evident**... Christianity is a system, a whole view of things thought out together. By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole.”

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE
Twilight of the Idols



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“What I relate is the history of the next two centuries. I describe what is coming, what can no longer come differently: the advent of nihilism...

For some time now **our whole European culture has been moving as toward a catastrophe.**”

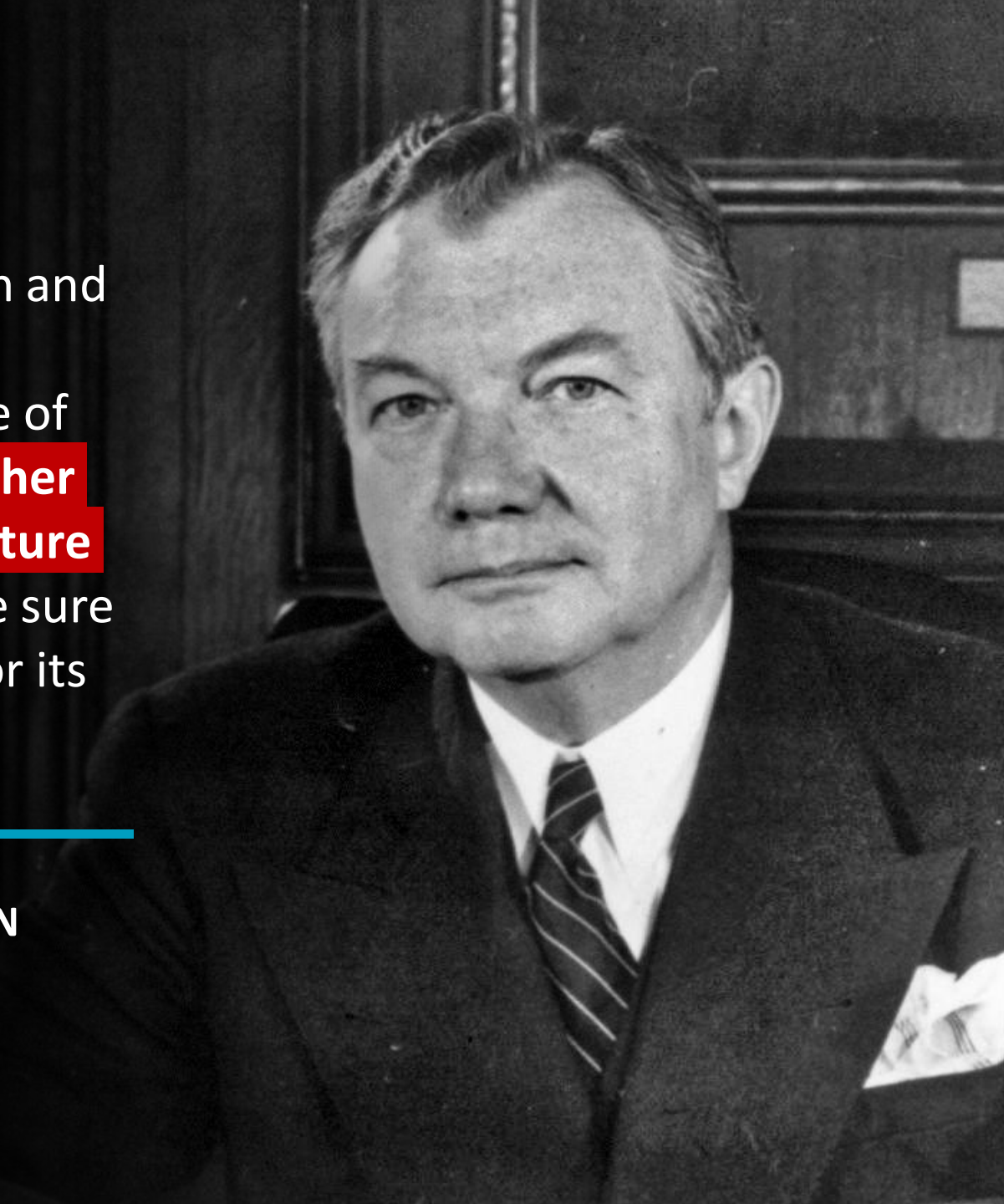
FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE
The Will to Power

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“I believe in Christianity ... because
by it I see everything else.”

“there is in the tradition and experience which we include under the name of **‘the law’, a wisdom higher than that of any legislature** or its statutes and more sure than that of any court or its decisions.”

JUSTICE ROBERT H. JACKSON
The Law Above Nations



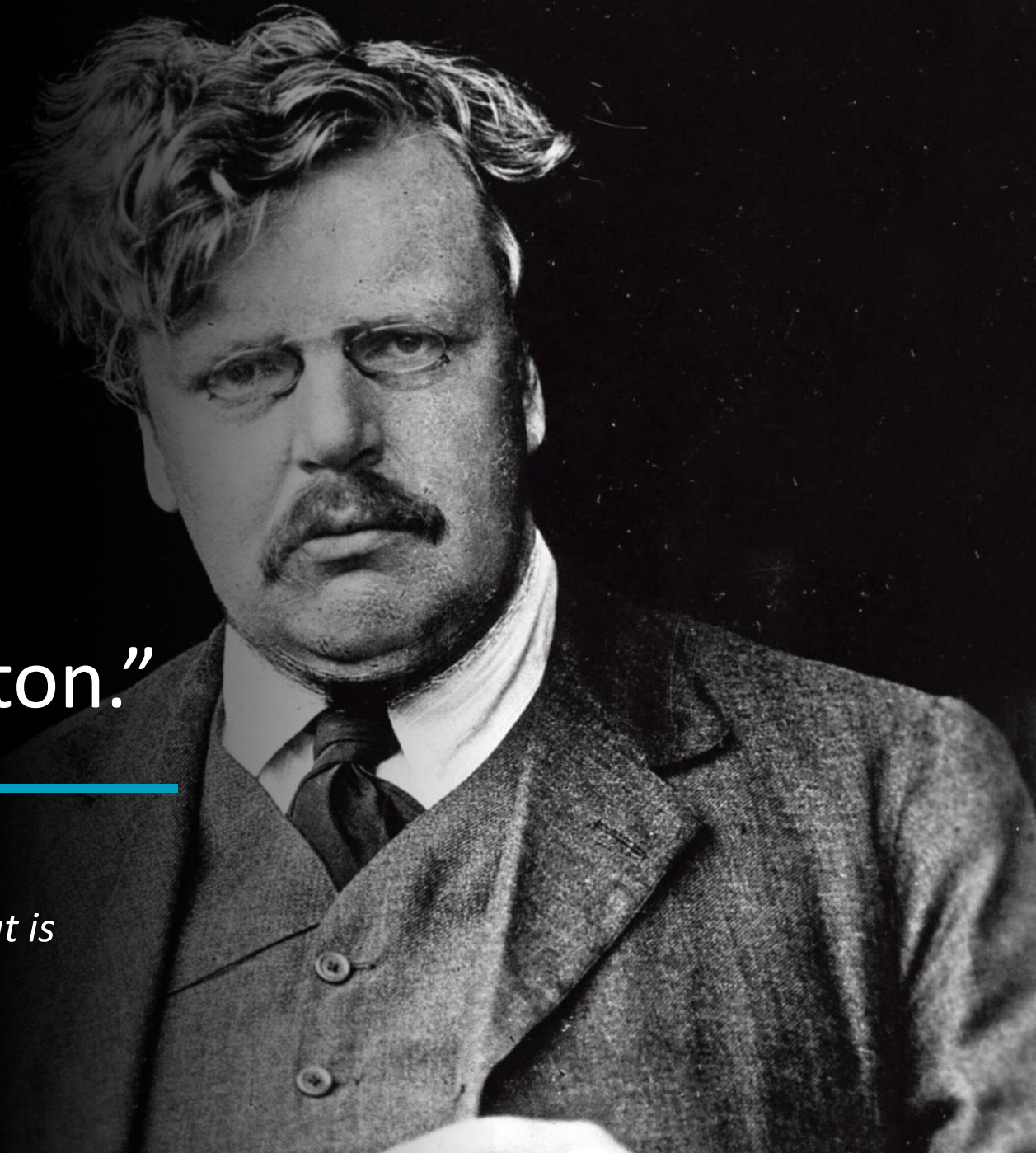
“Dear Sir,

I am.

Yours,
G.K. Chesterton.”

G.K. CHESTERTON

*Essay in response to “what is
wrong with the world?”*



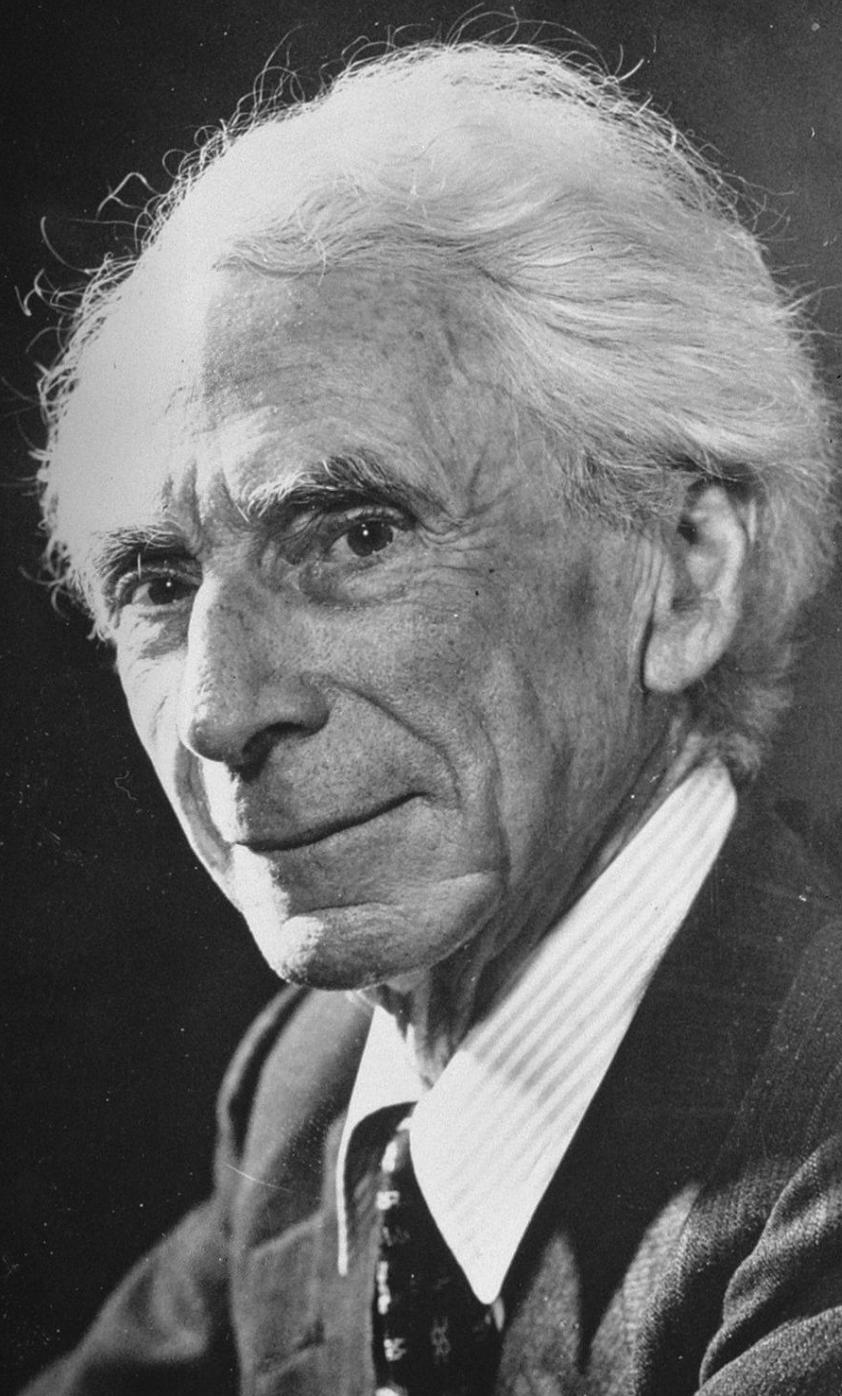
“Is there progress in the world?

He might say ‘no’ and make fun of the sillier versions of it, but **he acted ‘yes’ and based his life of hope on it.”**

KATHARINE TAIT

(DAUGHTER OF BERTRAND RUSSELL)

My Father, Bertrand Russell (page 184)

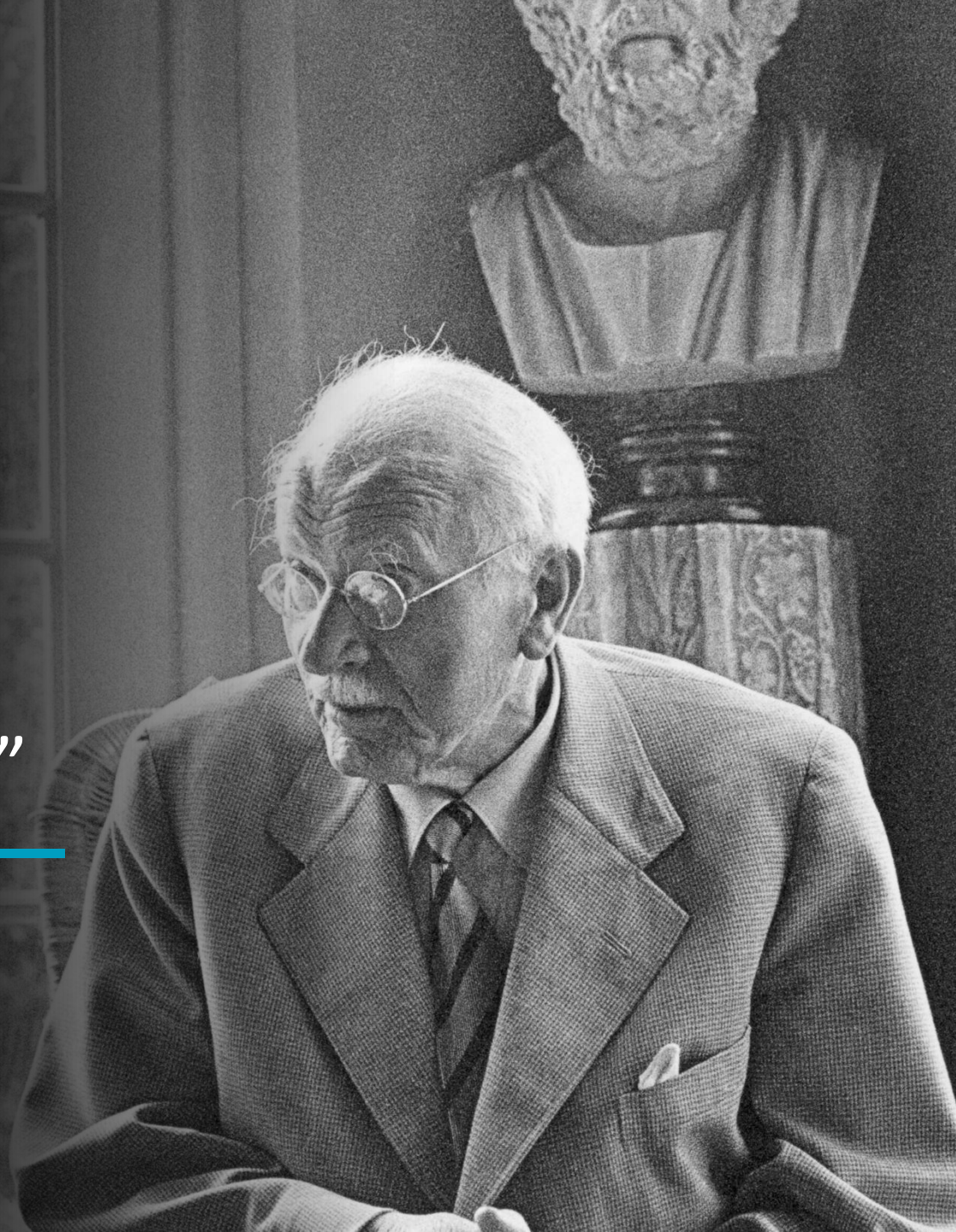


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“We were made for another world”

“The central
neurosis of our
time is emptiness”

CARL GUSTAV JUNG

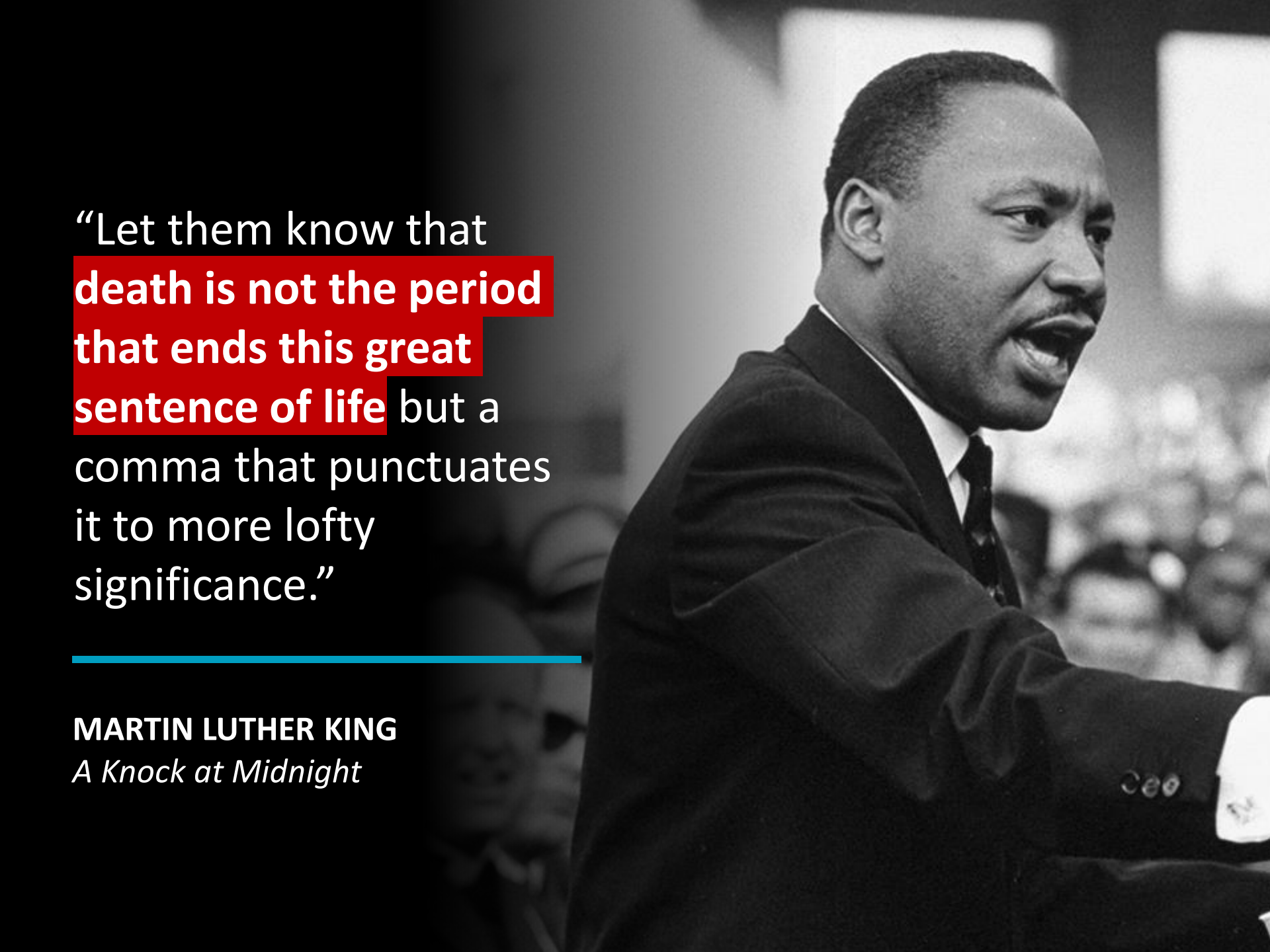


“if they felt life was
meaningless, why
didn’t they just kill
themselves?

My teacher replied,
‘A lot of them did.’”

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Not God's Type





“Let them know that
**death is not the period
that ends this great
sentence of life** but a
comma that punctuates
it to more lofty
significance.”

MARTIN LUTHER KING
A Knock at Midnight

“No decent person
wants to live in a
society which works
according to Darwinian
laws.... **A Darwinian
society would be a
Fascist state**”

RICHARD DAWKINS

Die Presse, July 30, 2005, p. viii.



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“Human history... [is] the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.”



Atheists Launch No Lives Matter Movement

BABYLON BEE, JULY 7TH, 2020



Richard Dawkins ✓
@RichardDawkins

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Key Takeaways

1

Showing people that **they should want the Gospel to be true** is important

2

The Gospel helps us to **make sense** of this world

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We have **desires that cannot be filled** with things in this world