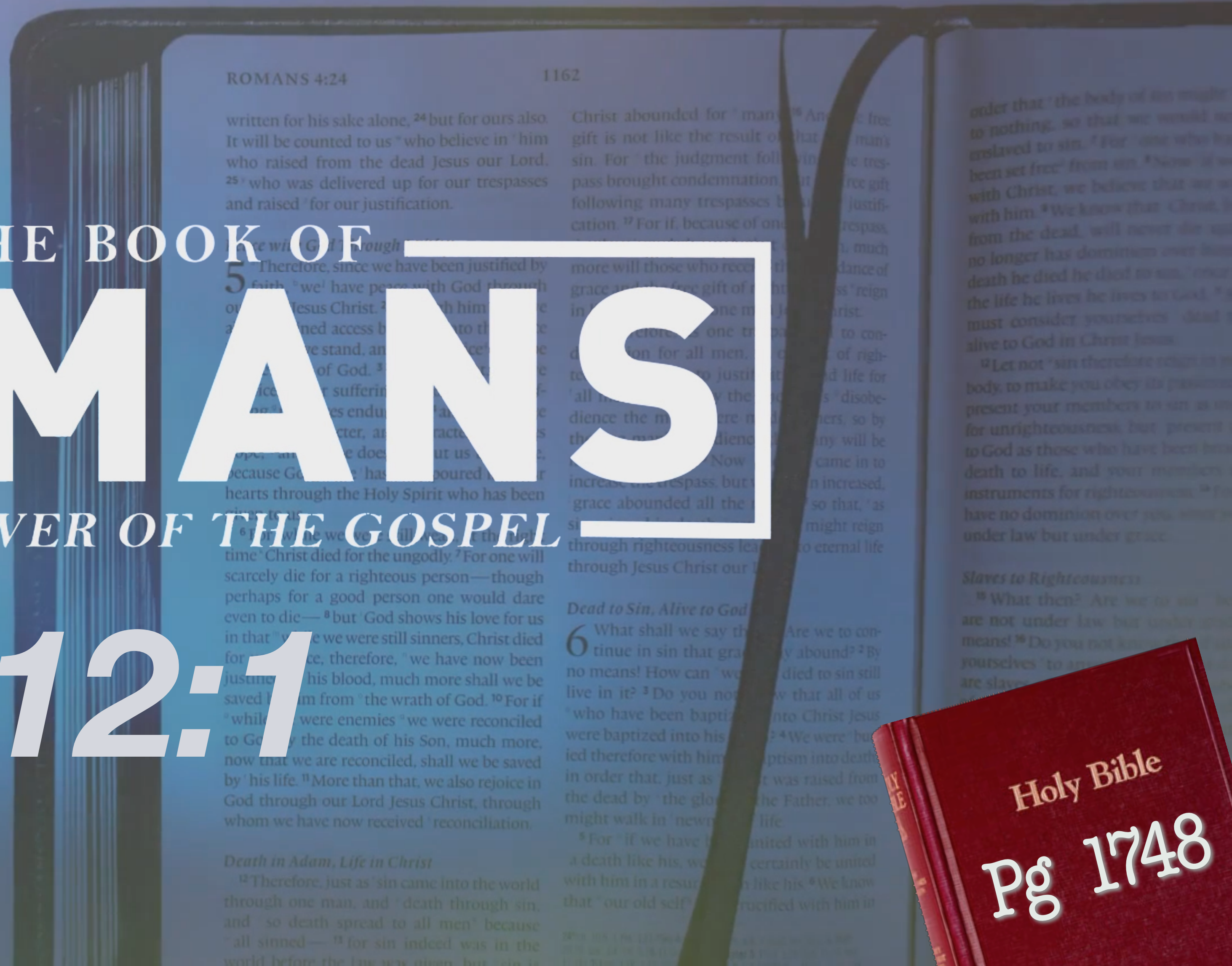


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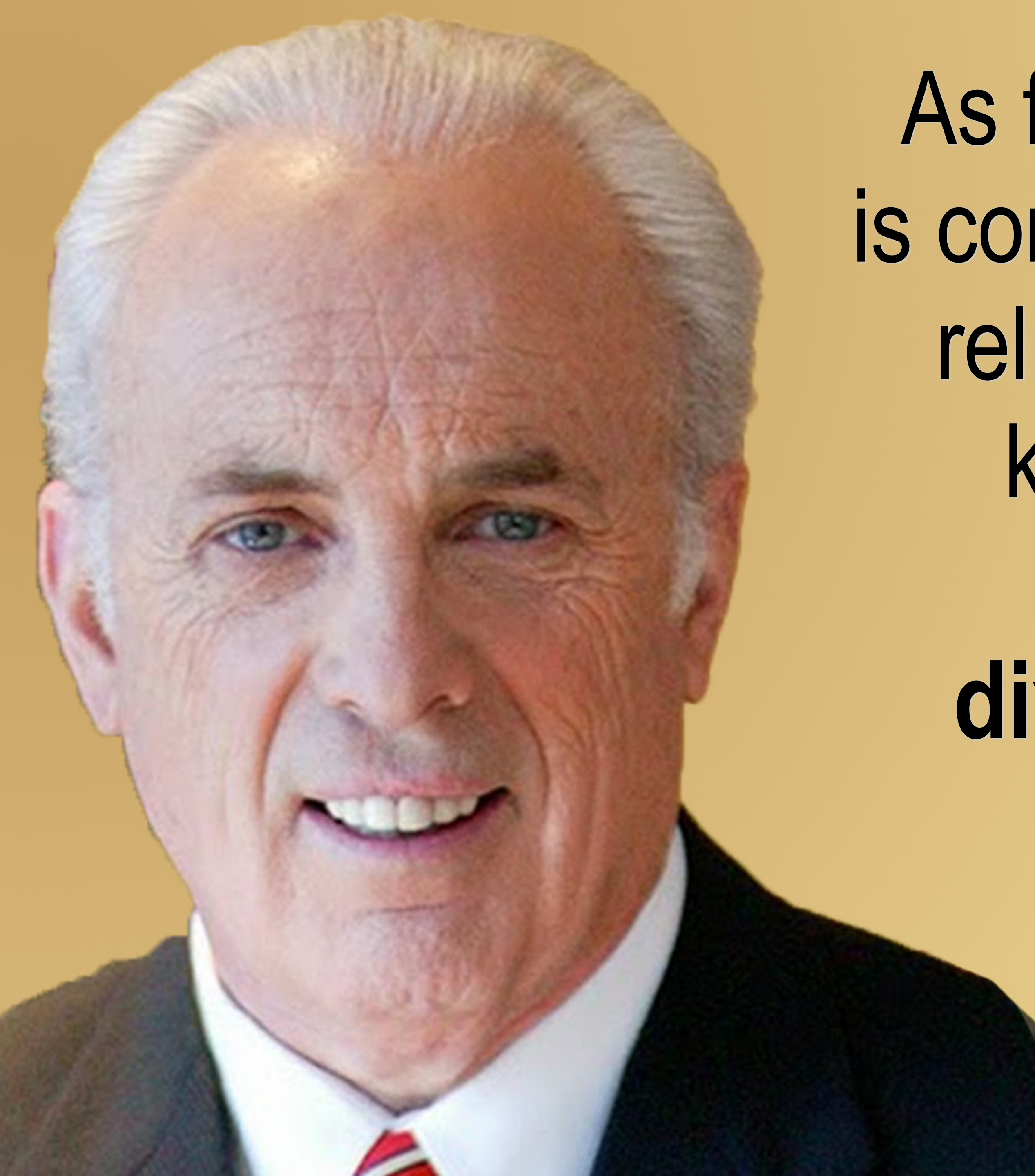
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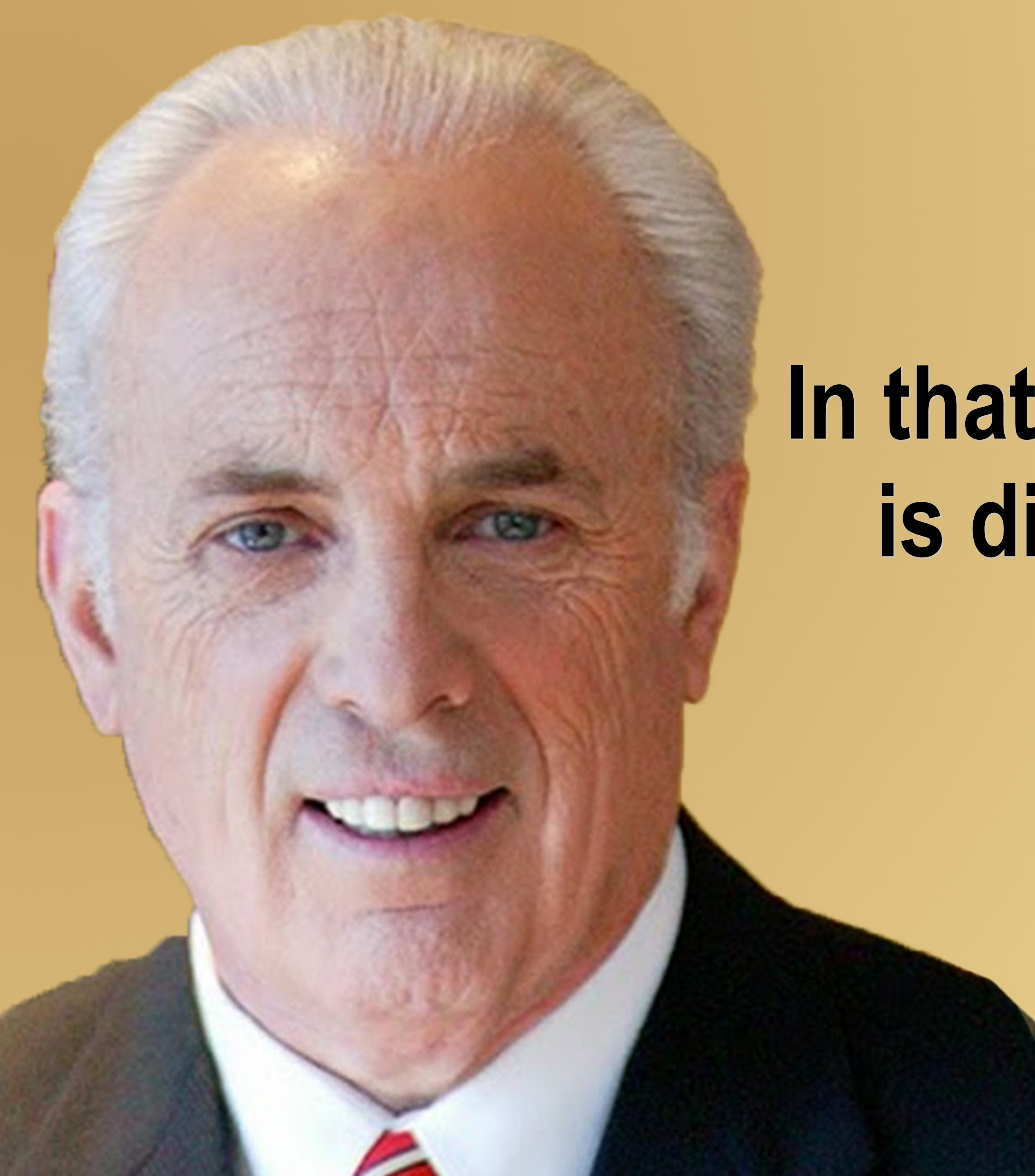
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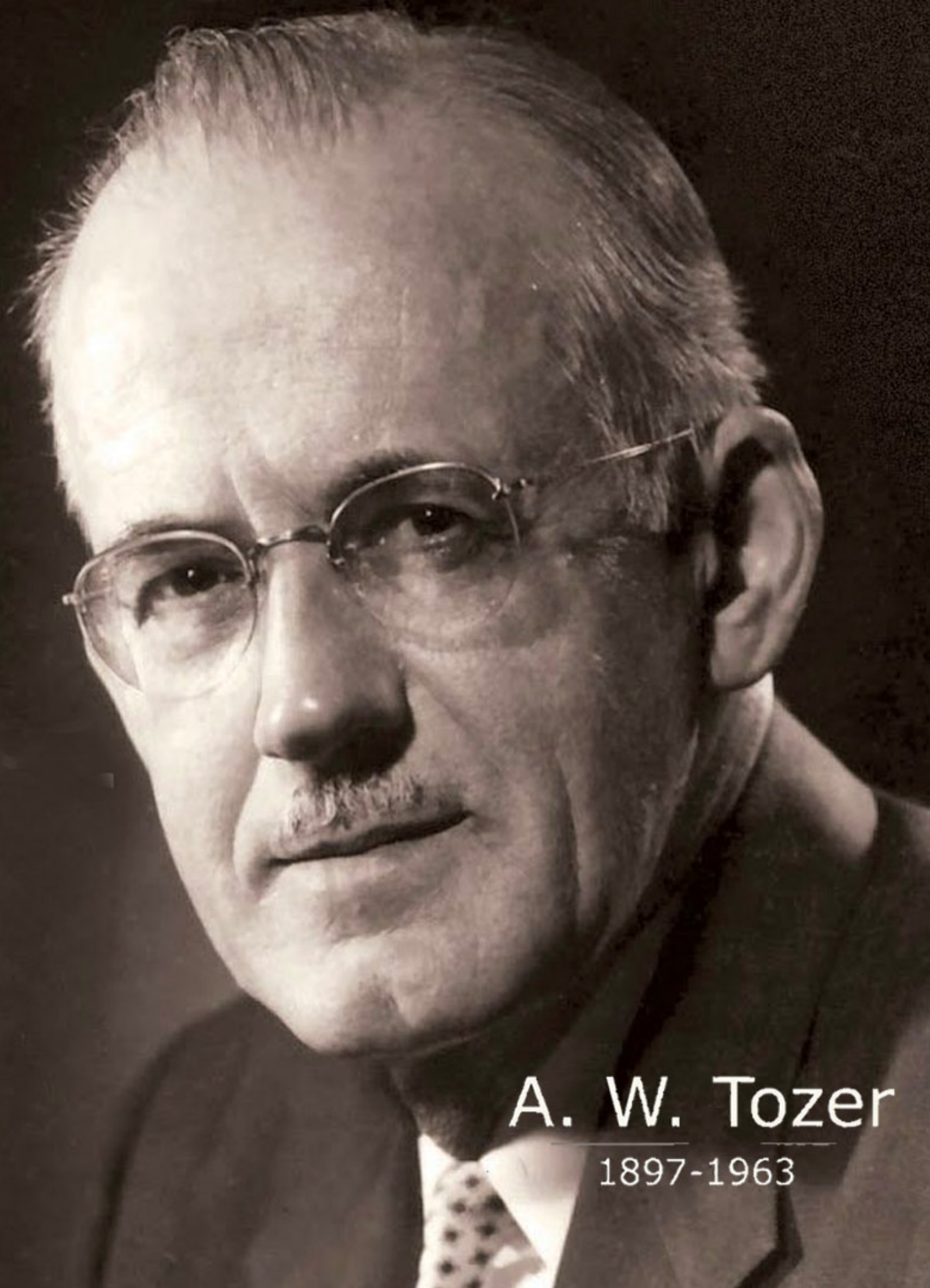
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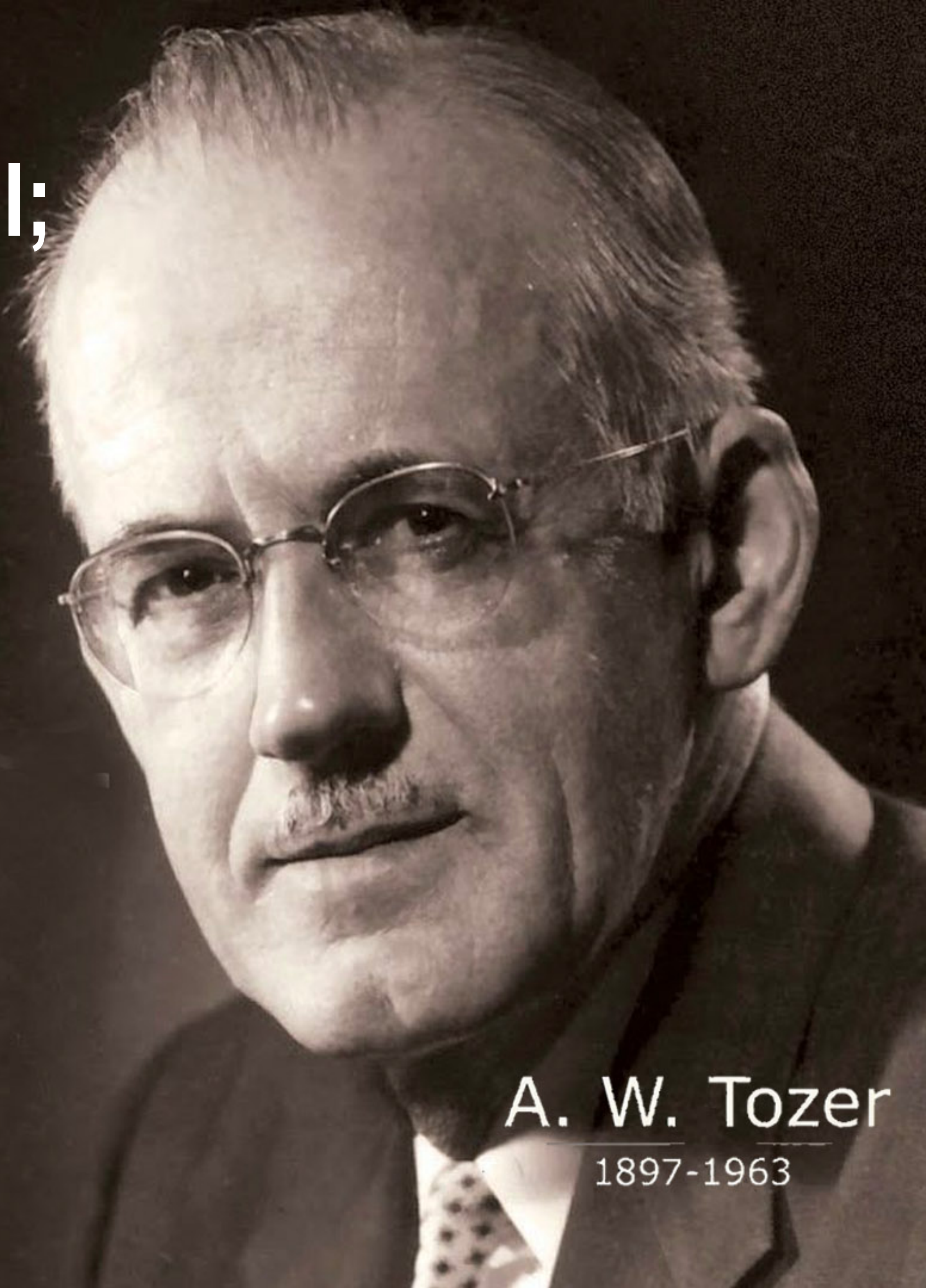
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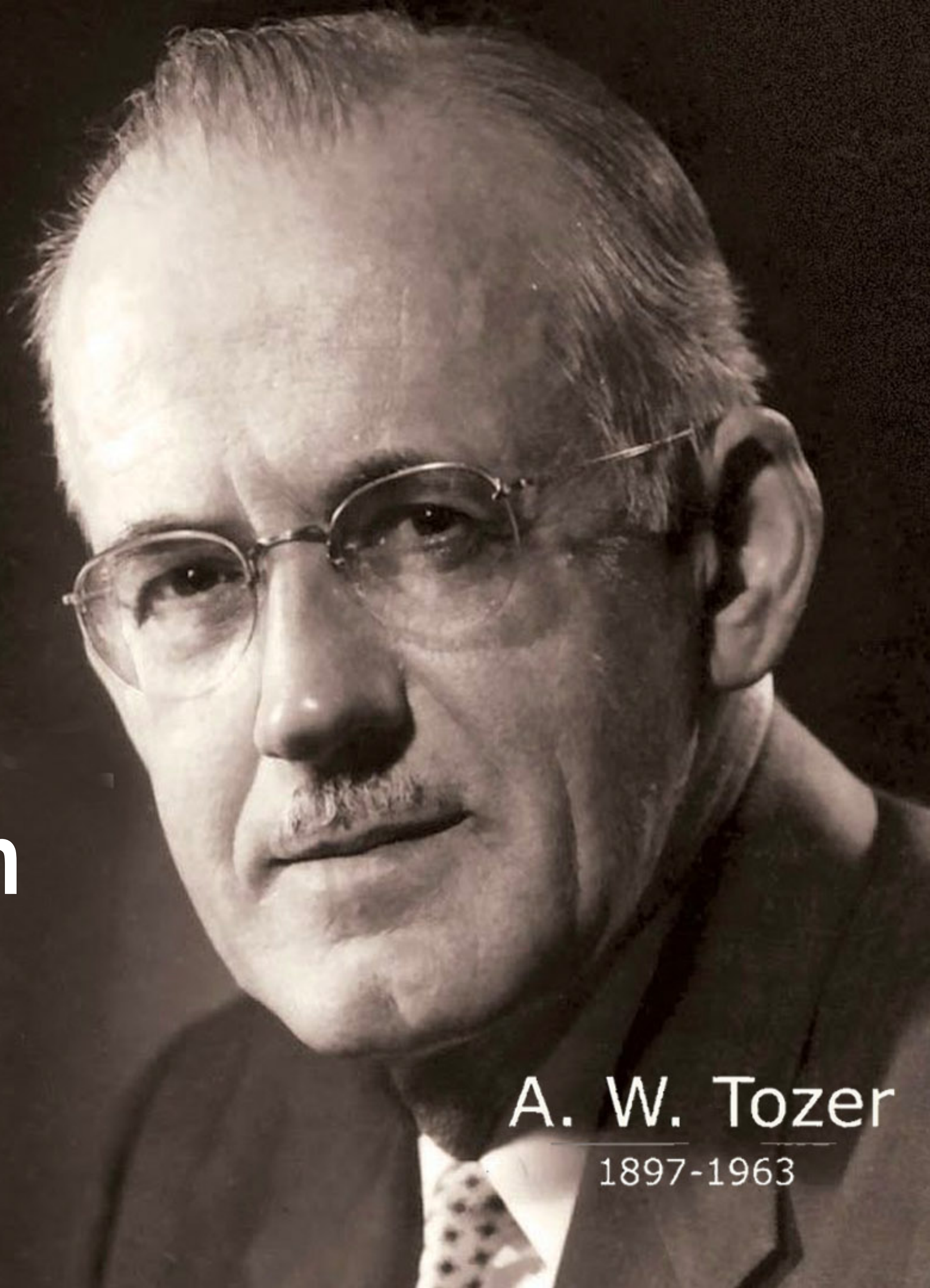
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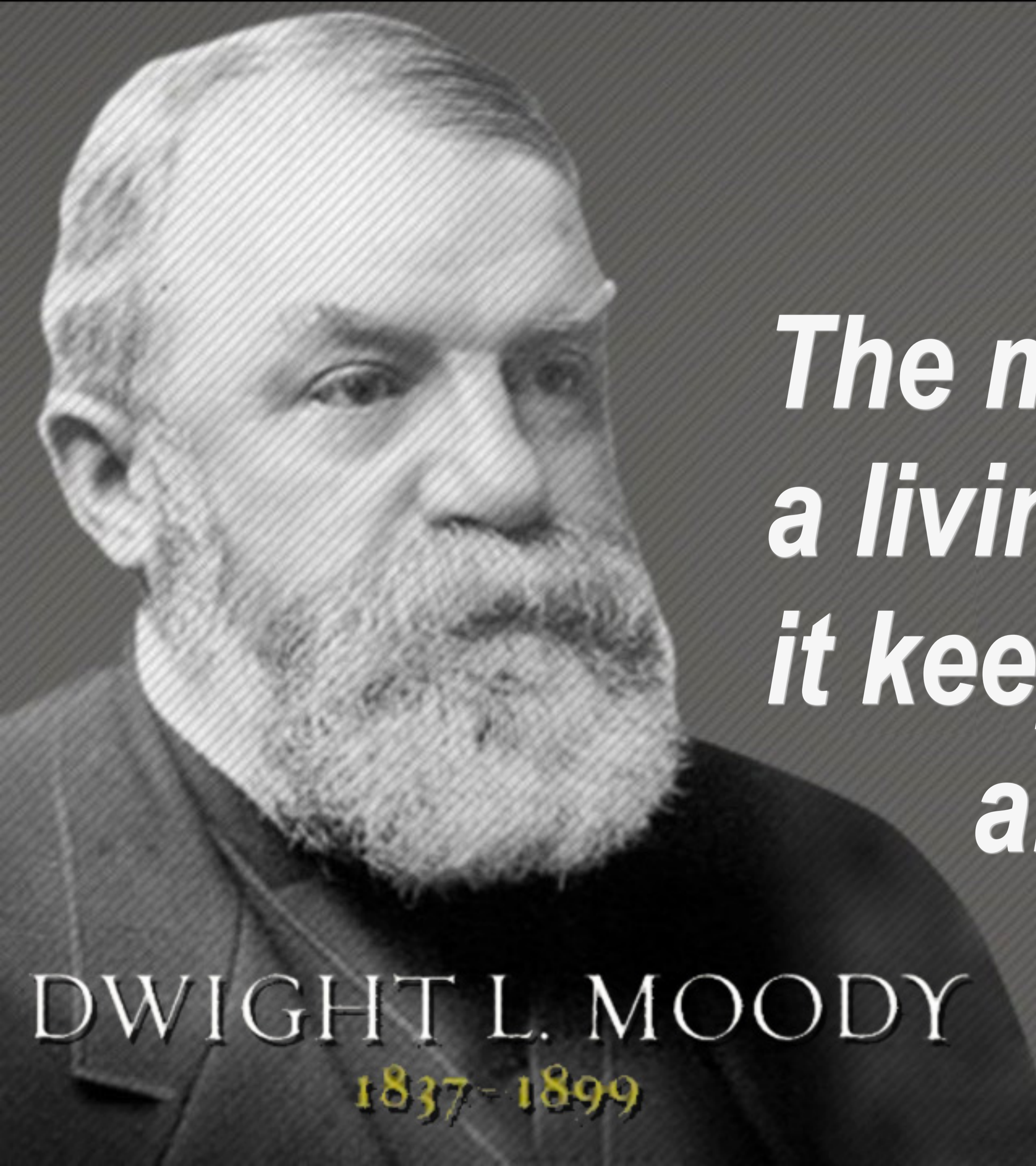
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DWIGHT L. MOODY
1837-1899

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Ephesians 5:8-10

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Romans 12:1

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written for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us²⁵ who believe in²⁶ him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised²⁶ for our justification.

Peace with God Through Faith

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,¹ we² have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² Through him we have also³ obtained access by faith² into this grace³ in which we stand, and⁴ we³ rejoice⁴ in hope of the glory of God.³ Not only that, but we⁴ rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering⁵ produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and⁶ hope does not put us to shame, because God's love⁶ has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For⁷ while we were still weak, at the right time⁷ Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but⁸ God shows his love for us in that⁸ while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore,⁹ we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from¹⁰ the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if¹¹ while we were enemies¹¹ we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved

Christ abounded for¹⁶ many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that¹⁷ one man's sin. For¹⁷ the judgment following¹⁷ the trespass brought condemnation, but¹⁸ the free gift following many trespasses brought¹⁸ justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one¹⁹ man's trespass, death reigned through that¹⁹ one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness²⁰ reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so¹⁹ one act of righteousness¹⁹ leads to justification and life for¹⁹ all men.¹⁹ For as by the one²⁰ man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's²¹ obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now²¹ the law came in to increase the trespass, but where²² sin increased, grace²² abounded all the more²² so that, as sin reigned in death, grace²³ might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace¹ may abound?² By no means! How can³ we who died to sin still live in it?³ Do you not know that all of us⁴ who have been baptized⁴ into Christ Jesus were baptized into his⁵ death?⁴ We were⁵ buried therefore with him⁵ by baptism into death,

order that⁶ the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.⁷ For⁸ one who has been set free⁸ from sin.⁸ Now⁹ if we are dead with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; no longer has dominion over him. Just as death he died he died to sin, once; just as the life he lives he lives to God.¹⁰ So must consider yourselves¹¹ dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not¹² sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members as instruments for righteousness.¹³ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁴ What then? Are we to sin¹⁴ because we are not under law but under grace¹⁵ means!¹⁶ Do you not know that if you offer yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves to sin have now become obedient from the heart to the teaching of the

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