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Marvelous Quest

Why did Jesus leave?

This question has turned my world inside out

- ◆ Veritology - what is truth?
- ◆ Theology - who is God?
- ◆ Anthropology - who is man?
- ◆ Philosophy & Ethics
- ◆ Science
- ◆ **History**
- ◆ Social Order

the Divine Meta-Narrative

◆ **His**-story

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Engagement

Restoration

What is our place in the Larger Story?

Our Quest

gaze upon the face of God

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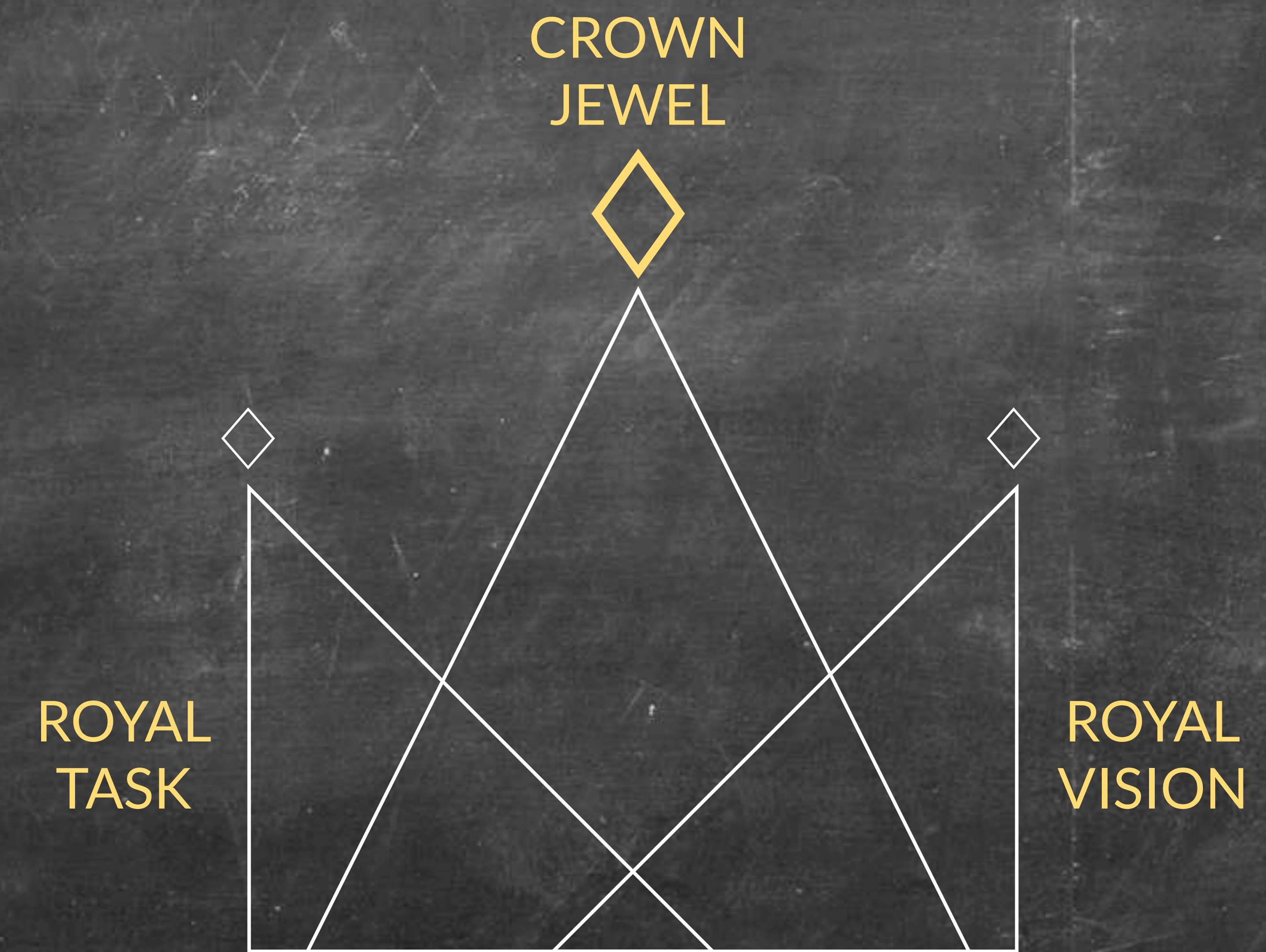
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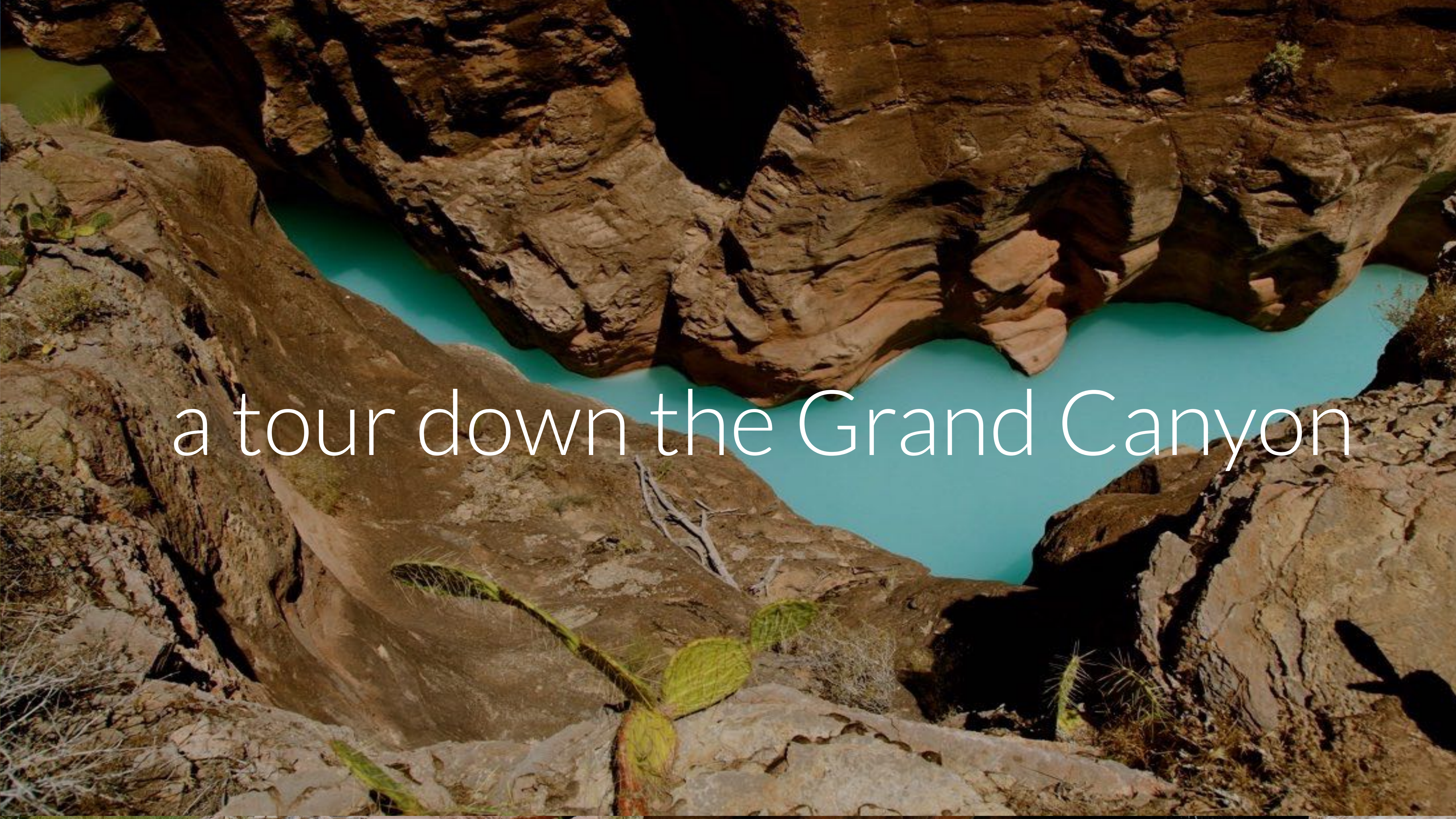


Our Quest

gaze upon the face of God

This is **not** an academic exercise, it could get rough





a tour down the Grand Canyon



There is danger here



There is danger here



The Ultimate Tour

Gazing on the face of God

"Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh" said Susan. "...Is he-quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"...



"Safe?" said Mr Beaver ..."Who said anything about safe? **'Course he isn't safe. But he's good.** He's the King, I tell you."

Gazing on the face of God may not be safe



Because when you truly gaze upon the
face of God, there is a possibility that
you will be **radically changed**

You can lose yourself

The main objective of our life...
to **know Him**

Here we find the ultimate source of all **Truth**
The ultimate **universal**
The true worldview

And now?

Having contemplated the Truth of God,
we are going to gaze on what could well
be the most glorious aspect of the
Nature of God

Encounters with Ultimate Truth

Jacob walked away limping,
but he had a new name

the waiver



Isaiah 6

- ◆ It exposes us
- ◆ It exposes our culture
- ◆ It calls us to action

we engage

What is strange
about Isaiah's encounter?

Then I heard a voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send?
and who will go for us?"

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Who is this God?

This is our Quest

three key questions

Why did Jesus leave?

Why does God send?

What is God's endgame?

exposing our culture

We live in difficult times.
What in the world is going on?

What are we to do in the midst of this craziness?

“[The sons of Issachar] **understood** the times in which they lived and **knew** what Israel should **do**.”

-1 Chronicles 12:32

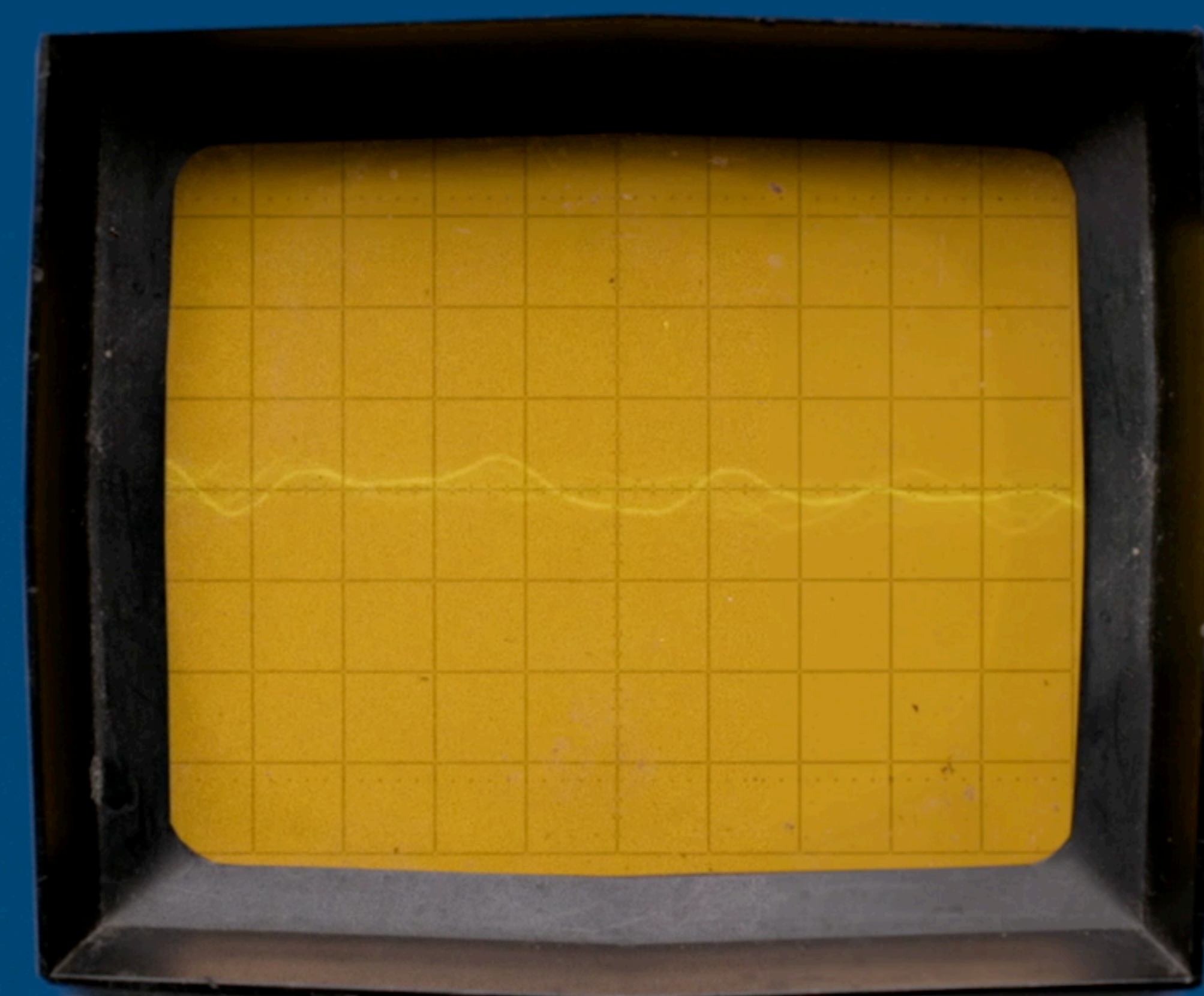
“**understood**” = **בינה** / **binah**

Do we **understand** our times?

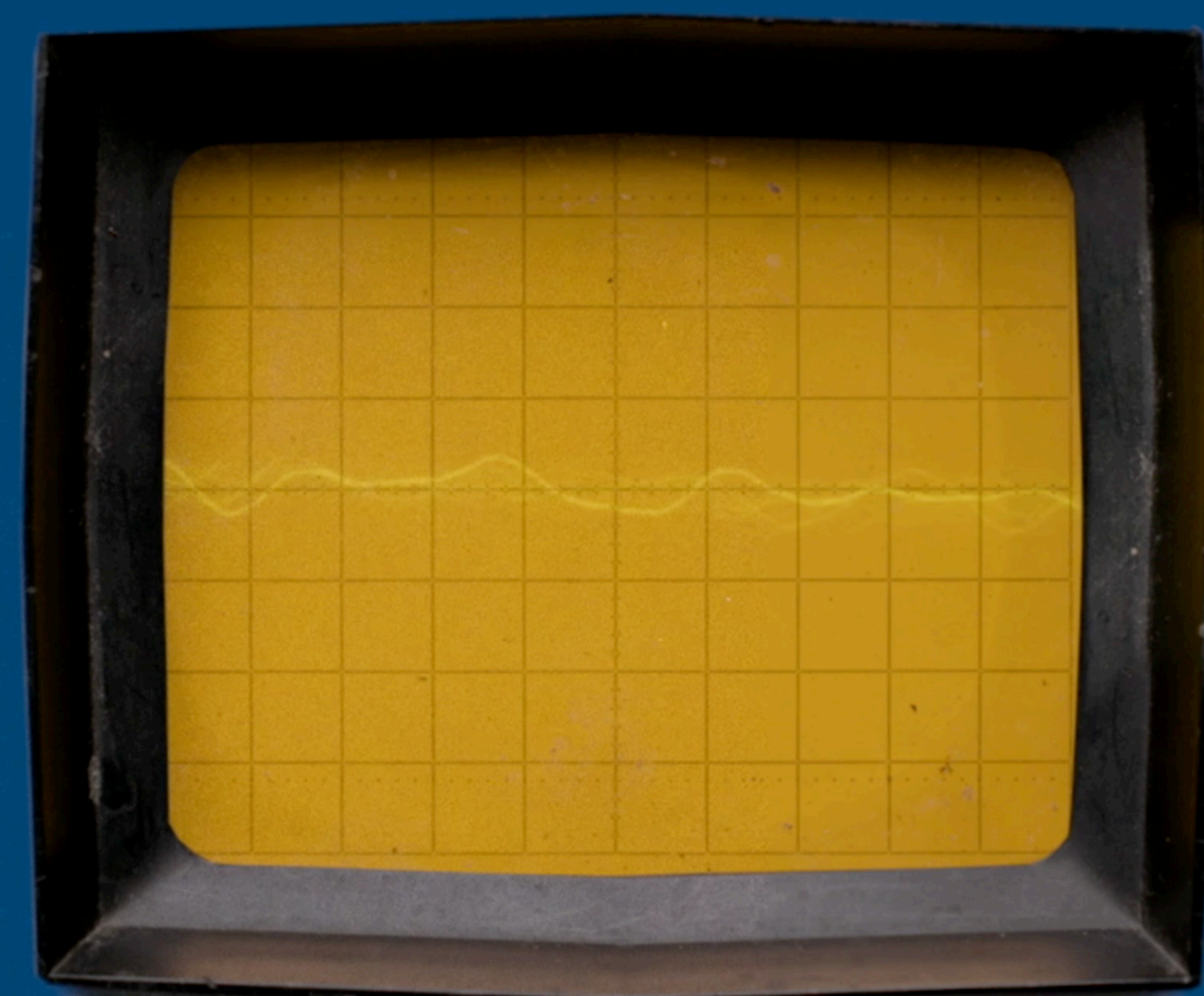
Do we **know** what we should **do**?

And our place in the Meta-Narrative?





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“Houston, we have a problem...”

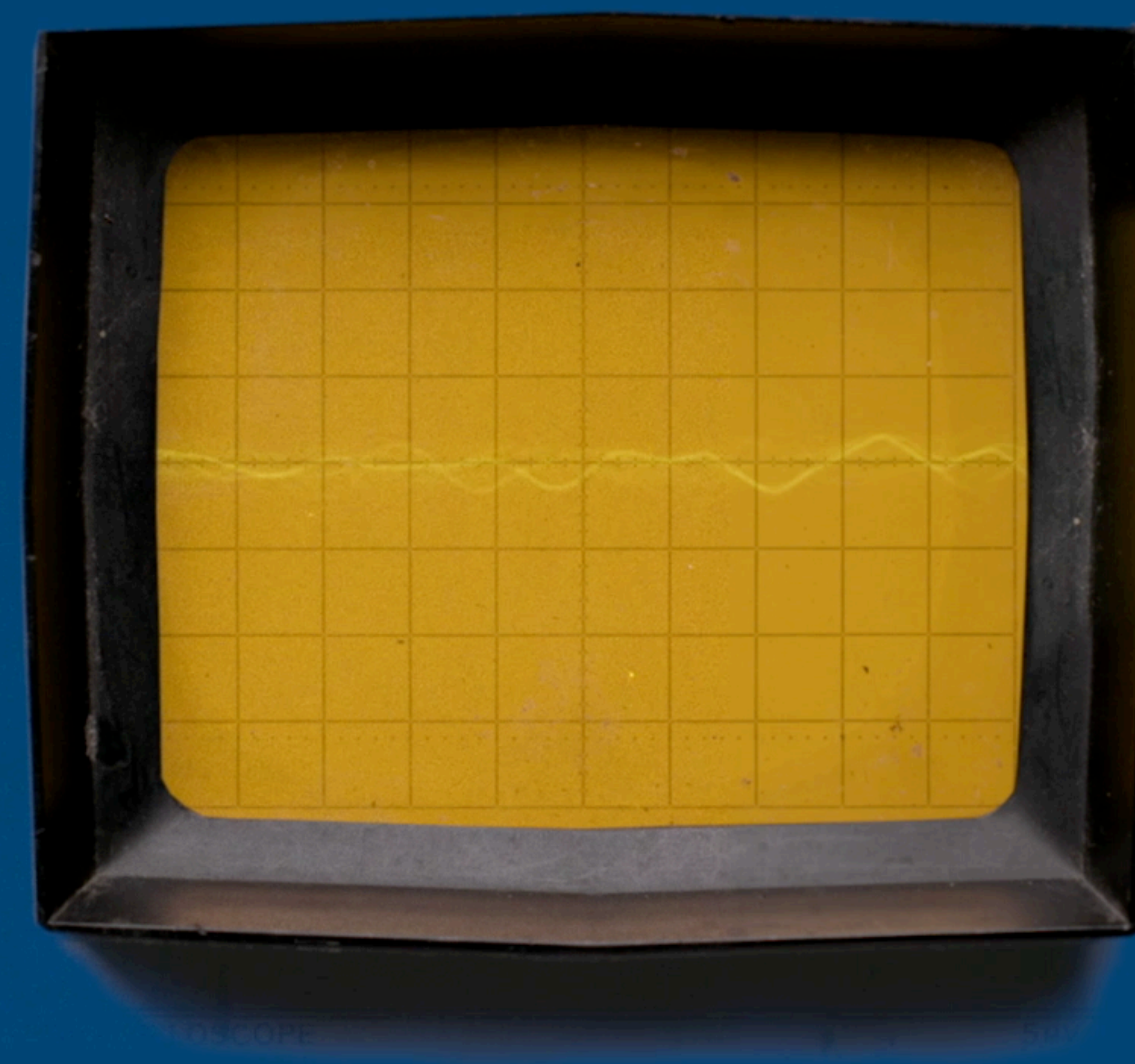


How do we know when
we have a problem?

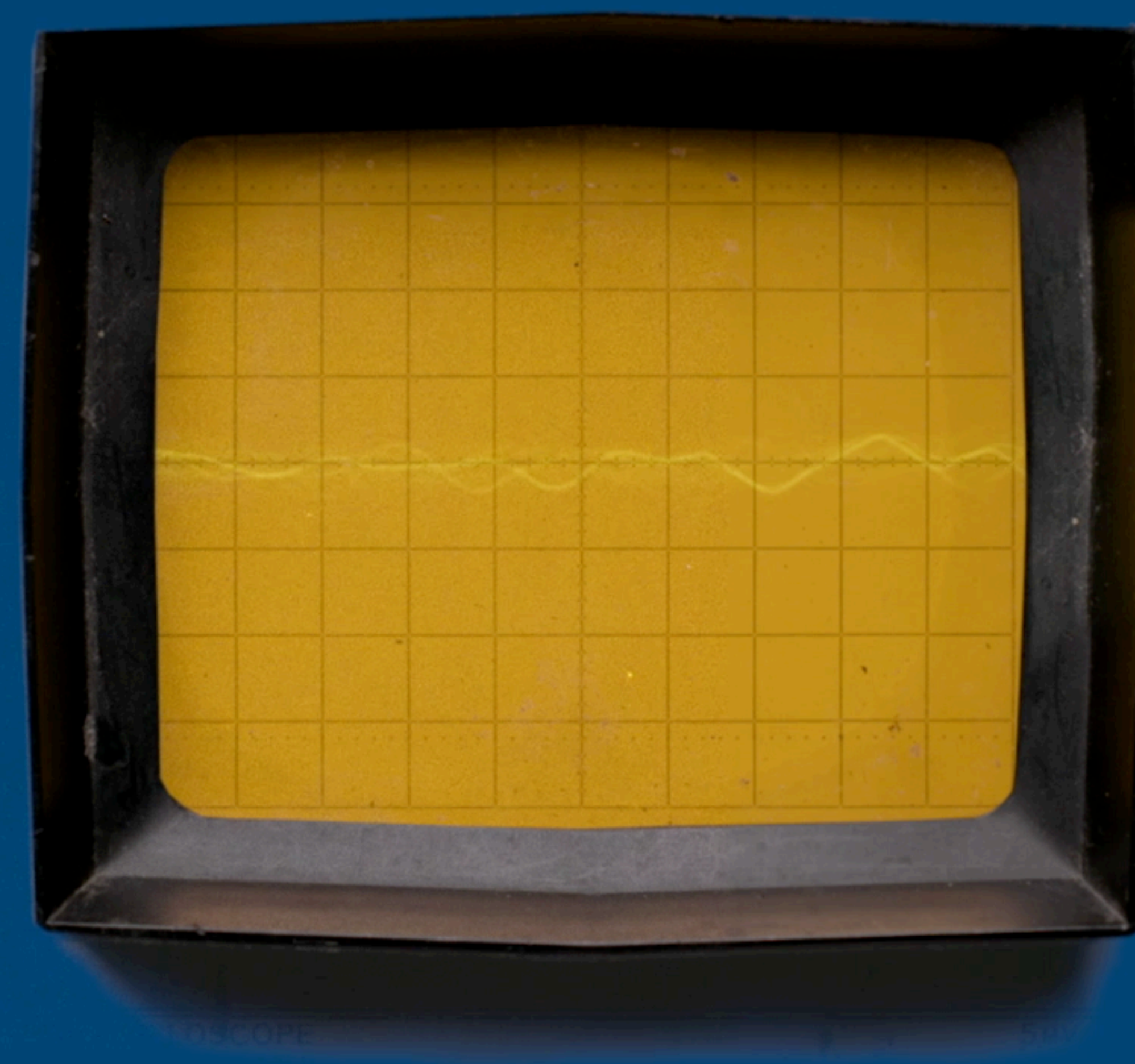




Recognizing when the “is”
isn’t the “ought”



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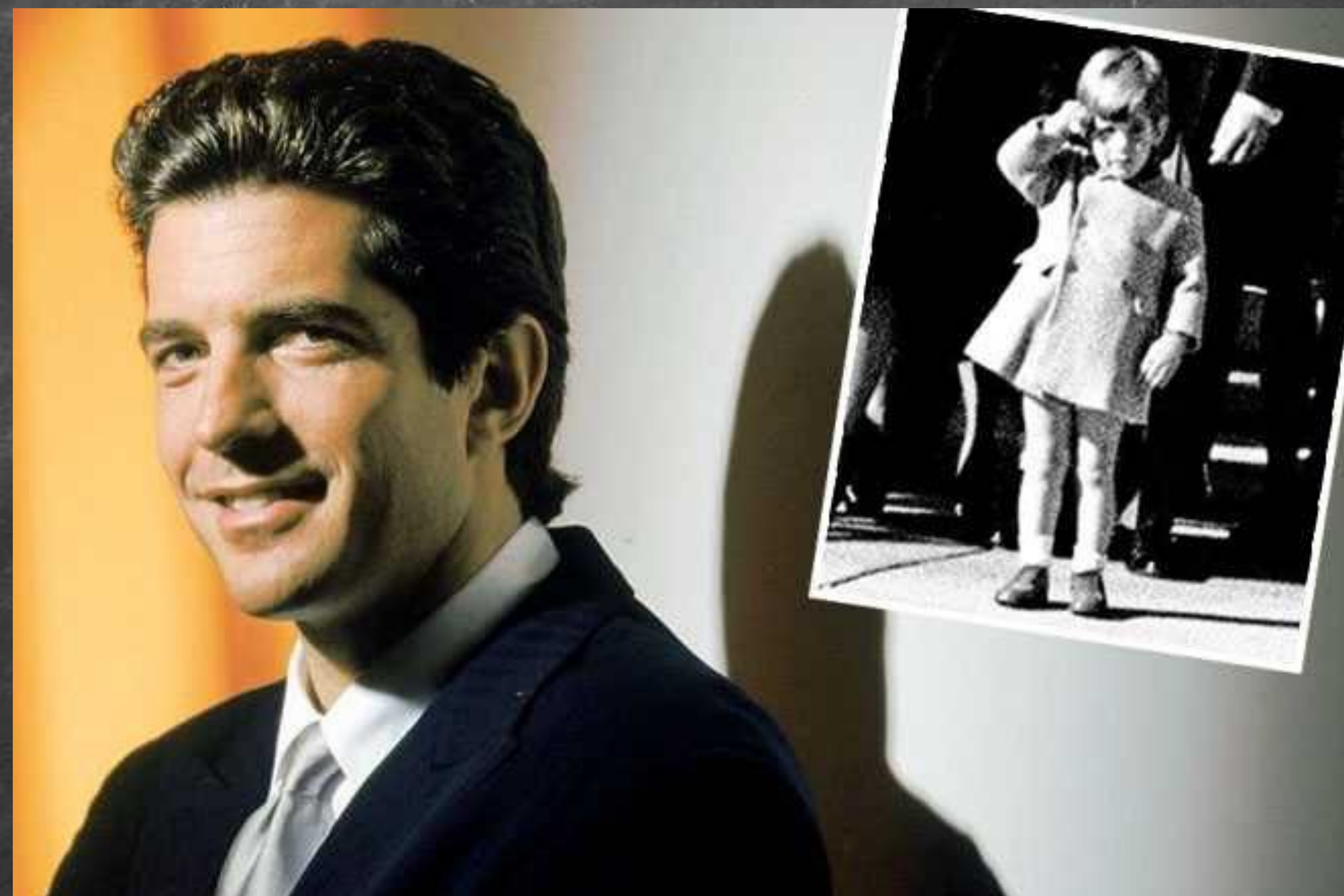
removing the gauges



the death spiral



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PLANE IS LOST



APPRISAL: John F. Kennedy Jr. looks over his previous plane, a Cessna, at a New York area airport in October. He crashed in that plane in a four-year-old, single-engine Piper Saratoga II, which disappeared yesterday.

Wife and her

John F. Kennedy Jr., charismatic crown prince of America's royal family, was missing off the coast of Massachusetts last night after the small plane he was piloting through hazy skies plummeted into the Atlantic en route to his cousin's wedding in Hyannis Port.

By nightfall, Little John-John, the boy who stole the world's heart on his 34th birthday in 1993 when he suddenly saluted his slain father's coffin, was presumed dead.

As family members gathered to mourn, instead of celebrate a wedding, debris indicating the plane had broken apart began washing up on the southern beaches of Martha's Vineyard — including his own estate on the stretch of sand his late mother loved to stroll.

Witnesses reported finding a headset, portions of fuselage, gear, carpeting and a prescription bottle bearing Carolyn Kennedy's name.

A black canvas garment bag labeled with Lauren Bessette's name and Stanley Izen's name was also found, containing clothing, a hair dryer, a makeup kit and a bottle of perfume.

"It was a sinking feeling, a foreboding feeling in my chest," said Boston lawyer Dan S. Sipes, 50, who was out about 30 yards and pulled in the footcandle. "It was just surreal, because we had been talking about it all morning."

Late last night, a helicopter with heat-seeking infrared sensors and a solar-guided autonomous search system joined the search for wreckage.

"We are not ready to give up on the jet," said U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard Larrabee.

Kennedy, 35, who earned his pilot's license last year, recently had married his fiancée at the airport on at least one occasion, witnesses said. Not yet licensed to fly using instruments alone, he was flying in the dark and haze under visual flight rules.

Kennedy's single-engine, six-seat Piper Saratoga II took off from Essex County Airport in Fairhaven, N.J., at 8:28 a.m.

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LOST

JFK Jr., wife presumed dead in plane crash off Vineyard

This story was reported by DAVE MALCHUKOFF at Martha's Vineyard, Mass. and by ANDREW FENNER in Fairport, N.Y. MELANIE KENNEDY in Washington. GREG G. SMITH in New York. It was written by MELANIE KENNEDY.

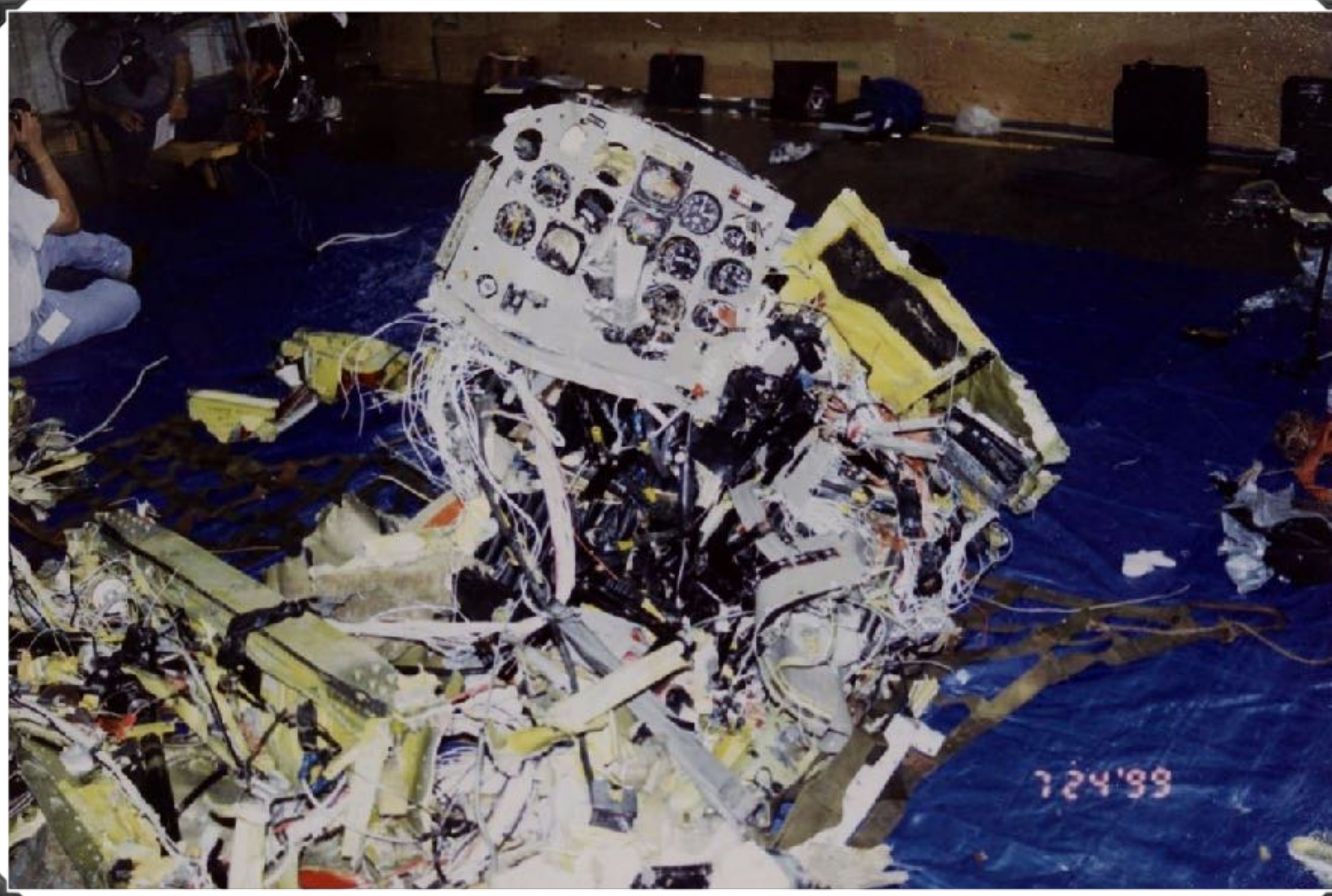
Friday for the four-day flight to Martha's Vineyard. He planned to drop off Lauren Bessette, 36, on the island before continuing with his 23-year-old wife to Hyannis Port on Cape Cod where he was scheduled to land about 10 p.m.

The sleek, four-year-old red and white plane, which Kennedy bought in April, was reported missing at 2:15 a.m. Saturday by family members gathering at the Kennedy compound for the wedding. The Federal Aviation Administration was notified about 3 a.m. and the Coast Guard and Air Force launched a massive search about five hours later.

Residents on the southern end of Martha's Vineyard reported hearing an extremely low-flying plane Friday night. Radar operators and say they think they saw Kennedy's plane approaching alone at 8:28 p.m. when it was about 20 miles from the Vineyard.

The island's central tower indicated it was 9 p.m. but Kennedy, who had made the approach to the Vineyard Haven airport many times, never made contact with the tower at Civil Air Patrol Base on Cape Cod.

Despite calm weather, a thick heat haze hung in the air, and visibility was down to about 5 miles.



see no truth



speak no truth



hear no truth

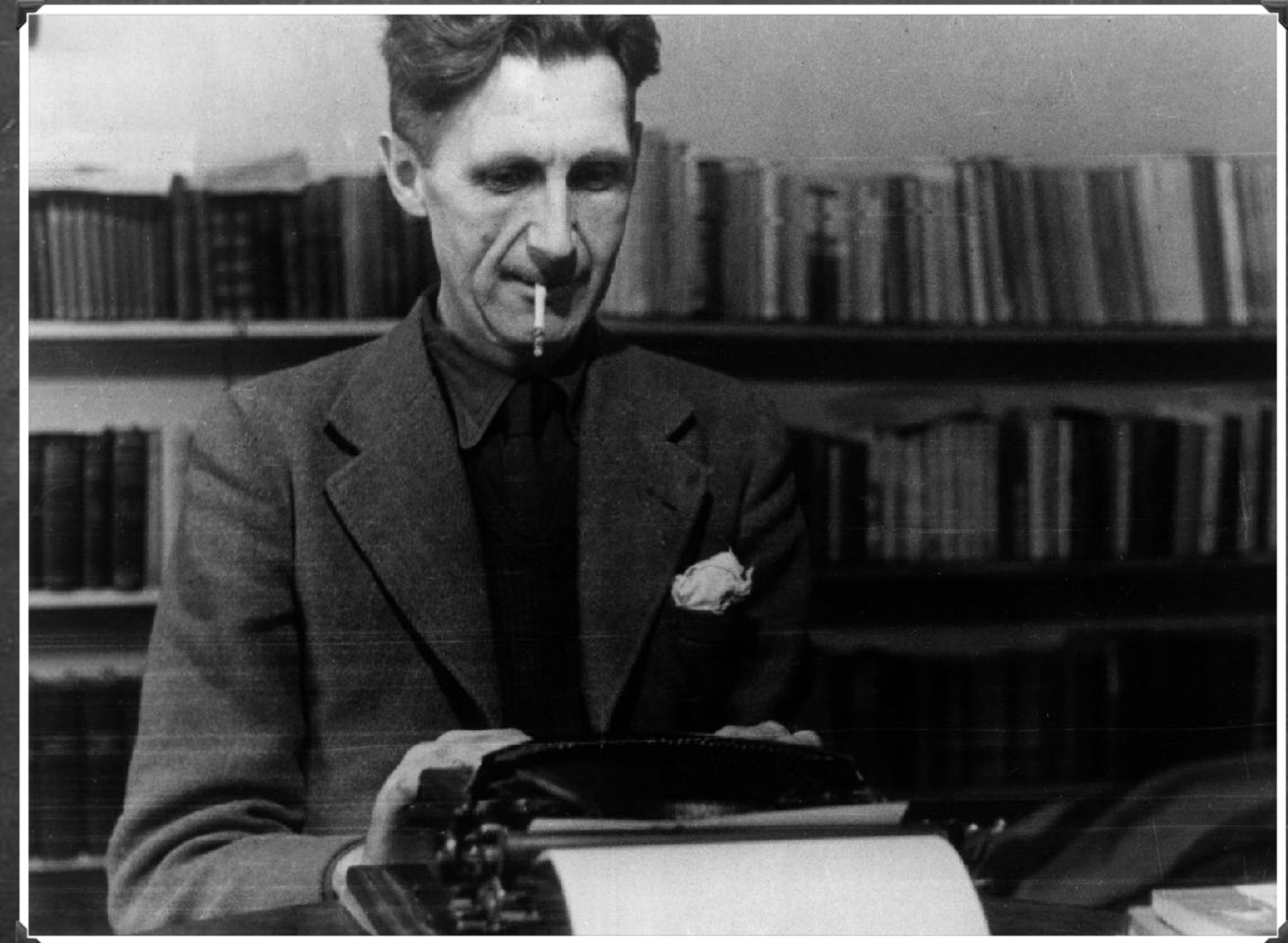


When you lose touch with reality
You lose touch with the **ought**



“In a time of universal deceit, telling the
Truth is a revolutionary act.”

-George Orwell



"The days are coming," declares the Sovereign Lord, "when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord."

-Amos 8:11



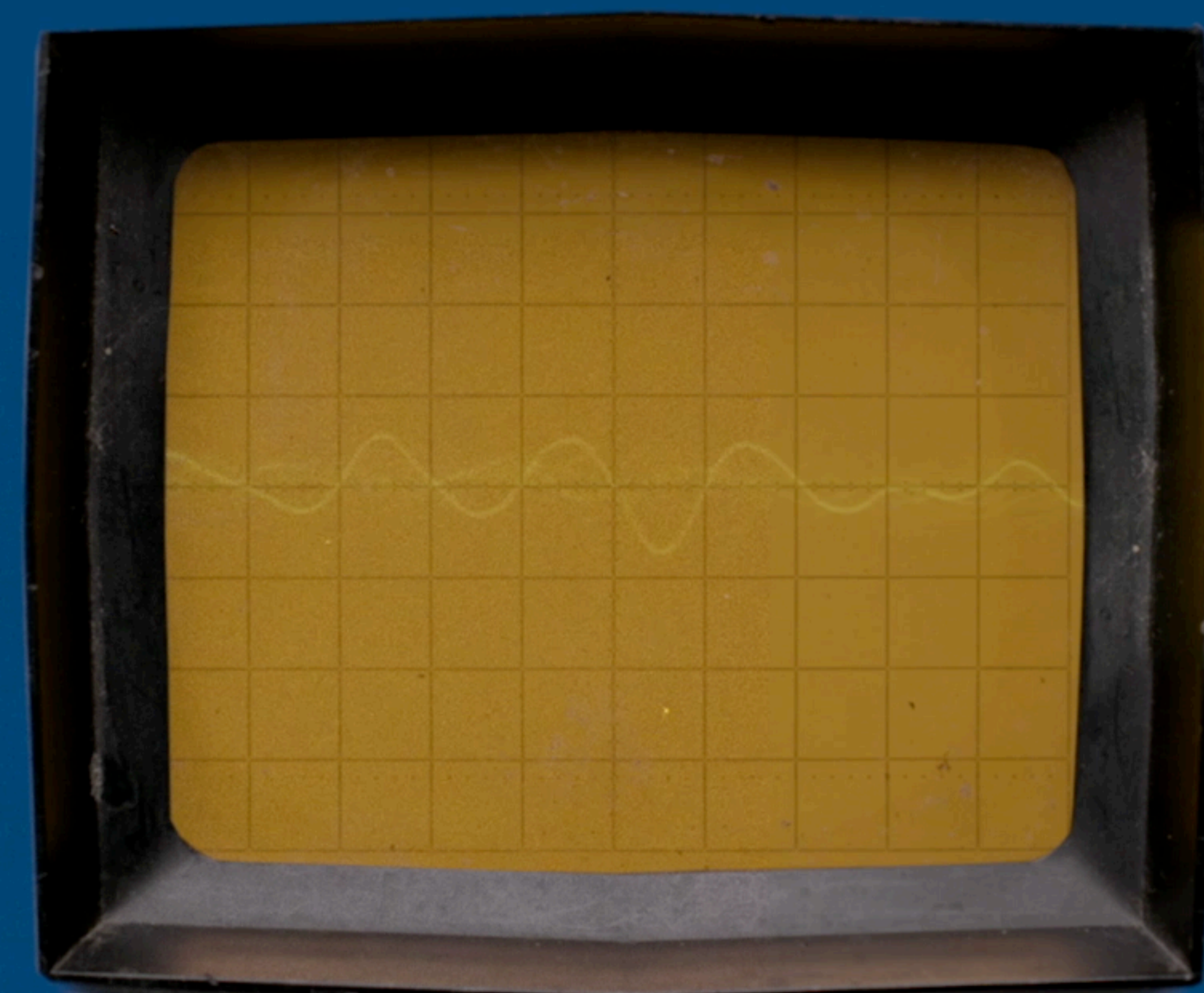
In a land of nought...

core social powers now stand against
the biblical worldview

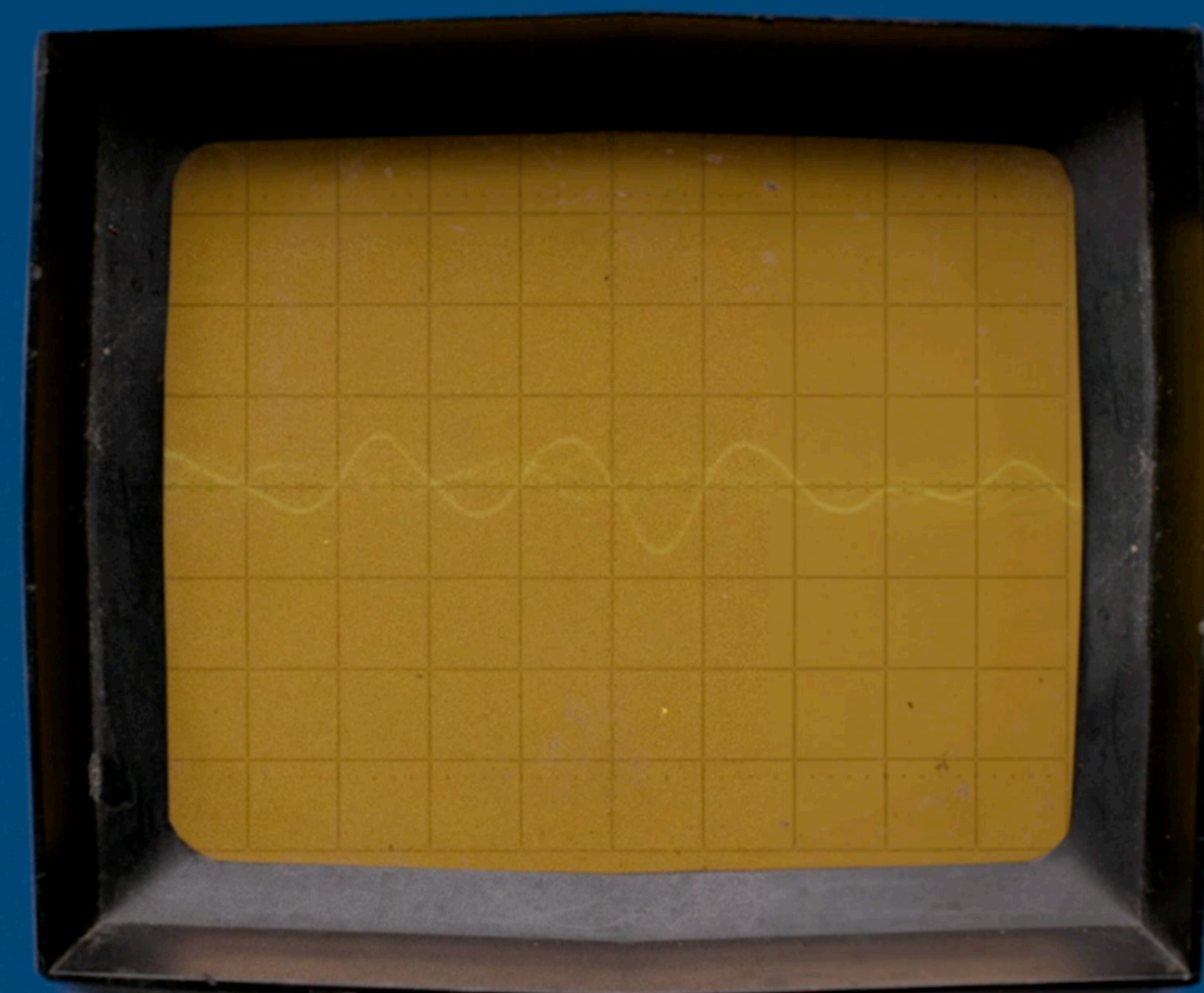
What is the cost?

these are difficult times...

living in a land of nought
isn't easy...



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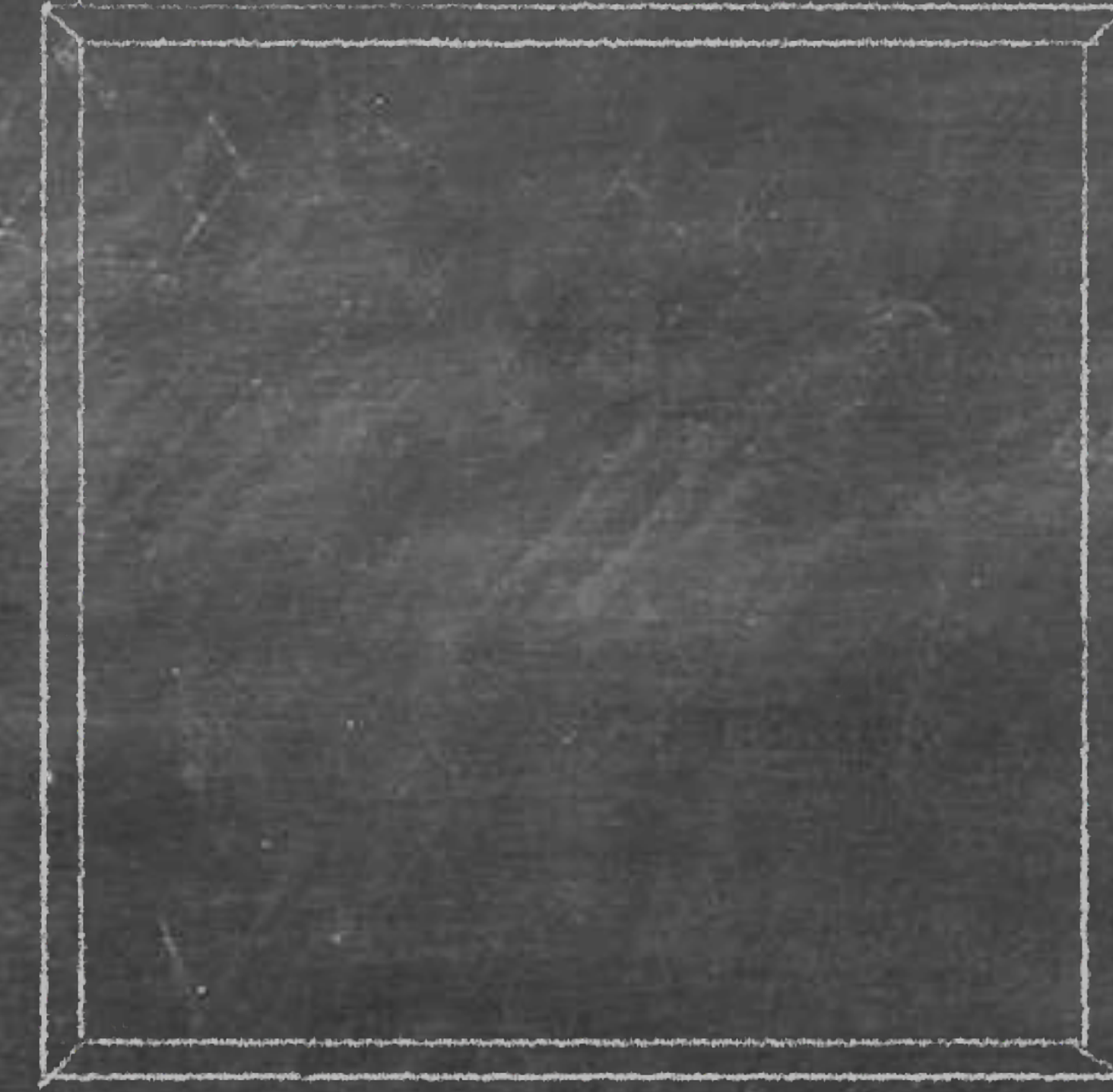


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In our times, the “is” and the “ought” are miles apart

this is when the people of God
become a Remnant

They realize the old way of “engagement”
doesn't work anymore



who need to engage now with wisdom so they can
understand the times in which they live
and “know what to do”.

Who are we?

Why are we still here?

What is our purpose?

we must find our place in the Meta-Narrative...

the King's Order will change everything



