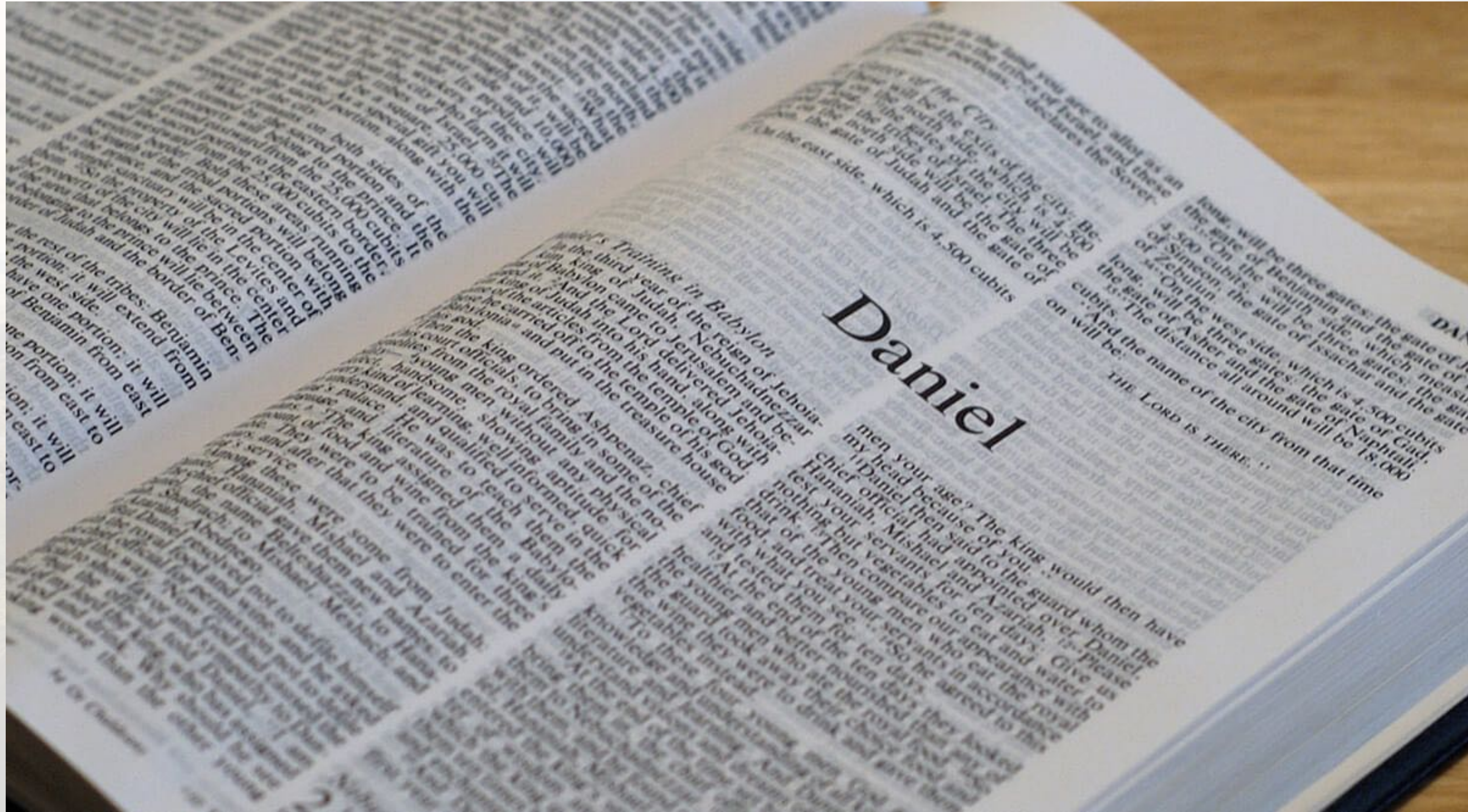




Living for God While Being in Babylon







Daniel

...the rest of the tribes: Benjamin
...portion: it will extend from
...the west side.
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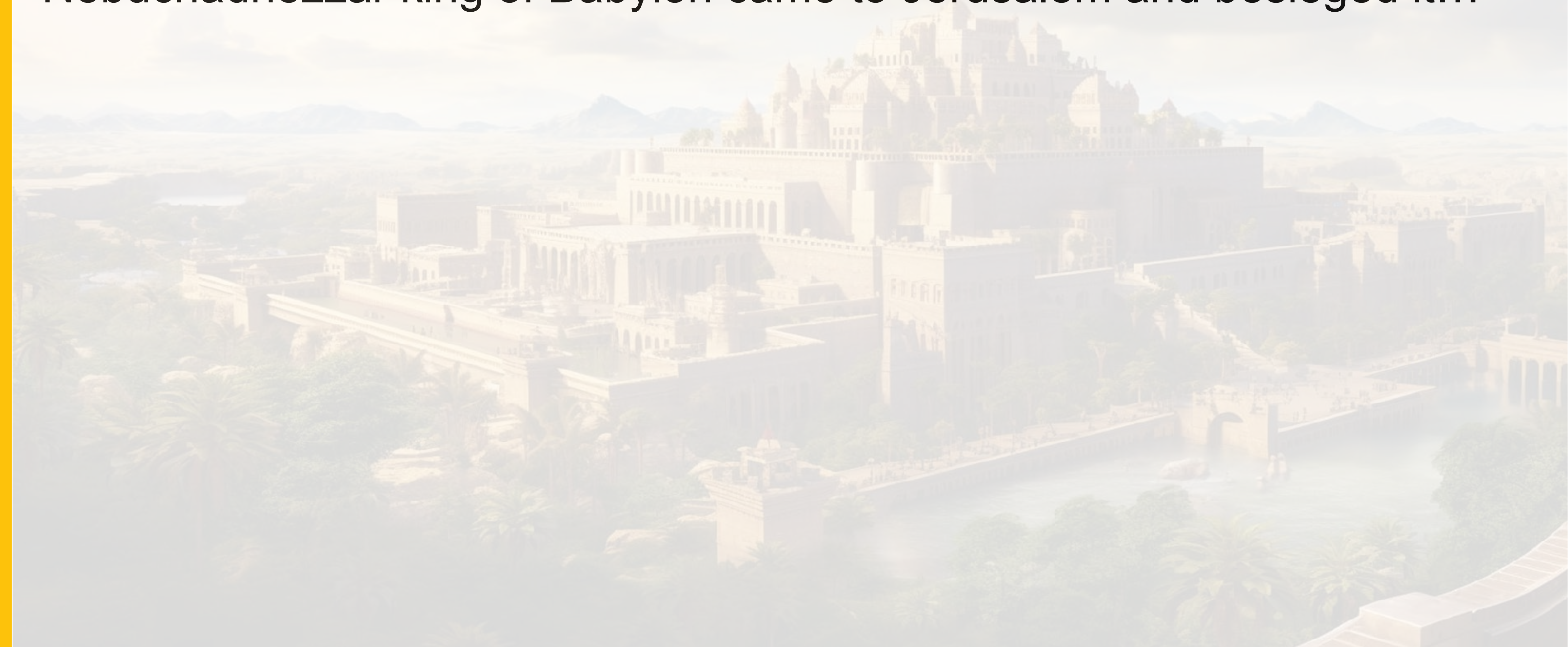
Training in Babylon
...the third year of the reign of Jehoia-
...king of Judah. Nebuchadnezzar
...of Babylon came to Jerusalem and be-
...And the Lord delivered Jehoia-
...of the articles from the temple of his god
...he carried off to the temple of his god
...and put in the treasure house
...the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief
...of the court officials, to bring in some of the
...nobles of Judah, well informed and be-
...of learning, showing aptitude for
...and qualified to serve in the
...palace. He was to teach them in the
...of literature of the Babylonians,
...of food and wine from the king's
...and after that they were to enter the
...service.
...these were some from Judah:
...Mishael and Azariah;
...the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah;
...Abednego.
...Daniel resolved not to defile himself
...the royal food and wine, and he asked
...the chief official for permission to buy
...vegetables to eat. Now God had revealed
...to Daniel the king's dream, and he
...showed the king what he had dreamed.
...and the king was amazed at the
...wisdom and knowledge that Daniel
...displayed. The king ordered that
...all the wise men of Babylon be
...brought to him, and he said to
...them, 'I have a dream, and I want
...to know what it means. Tell me
...the dream, and I will give you
...a reward. If you cannot tell me
...the dream, you will die. If you
...can tell me the dream, I will
...give you a great reward. Tell me
...the dream, and I will give you
...a great reward. Tell me the dream,
...and I will give you a great reward.'

men your age? The king would then have
my head because of you.
Daniel then said to the guard whom the
chief official had appointed over Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah: 'Please
test your servants for ten days. Give us
nothing but vegetables to eat and water to
drink. Then compare our appearance with
that of the young men who eat the royal
food, and treat your servants in accordance
with what you see.'
At the end of the ten days they looked
healthier and fatter than all the other
young men who were eating the royal
food. So the chief official agreed to this
request of Daniel.
The chief official gave them the names
Sadrach, Meshach and Abednego, because
of the name of their God. Daniel's name
remained Daniel.

The Ancient Near East
in 540 BC



In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah,
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it...



Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

Babylonian Purification

- Take the best and brightest
- A plan of reprogramming & indoctrination
- New beliefs and practices



Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah...But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

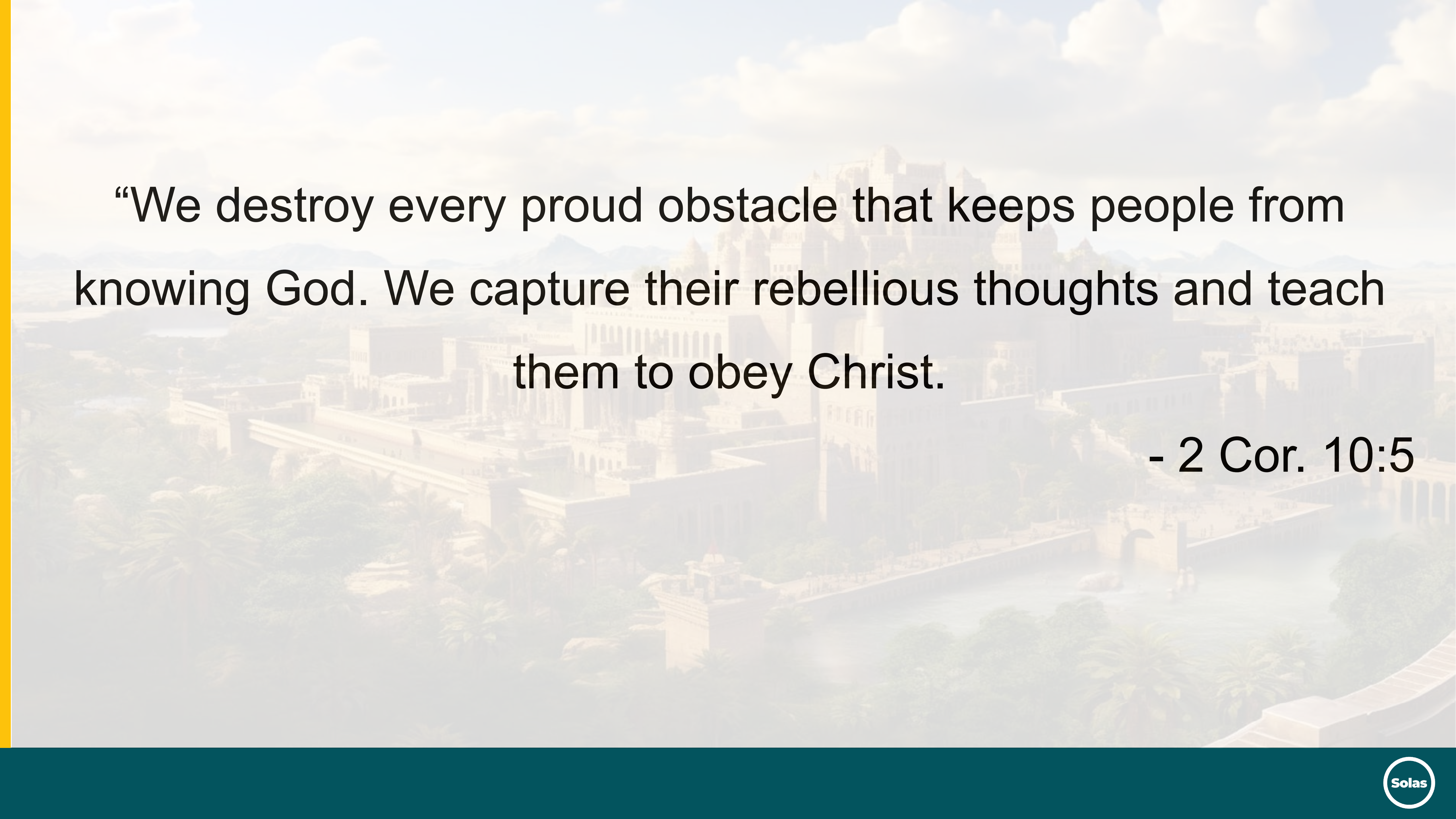


“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ***But even if he does not***, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

An aerial view of a vast, ancient-style city with a central palace and a river. The city is built on a hillside, with a large, multi-tiered palace complex at the top. The city is surrounded by lush greenery and palm trees. A river flows through the city, with a bridge crossing it. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Recognition Resolution Response

Recognition

An aerial view of a city with a river and mountains in the background. The city features a mix of modern and classical architecture, with a prominent bridge crossing the river. The mountains in the distance are hazy and blue. The sky is bright with scattered clouds. The overall scene is a vibrant and detailed representation of a cityscape.

“We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

- 2 Cor. 10:5

Secular Worldview

- **Relativism**
- **Secular Humanism**
- **Sexual Ideologies**



Resolution



Response

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“I used to think that the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse, and climate change. I thought 30 years of good science could address these problems. I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy, and to deal with these we need a cultural and spiritual transformation. And we scientists don't know how to do that.”

- Gus Speth

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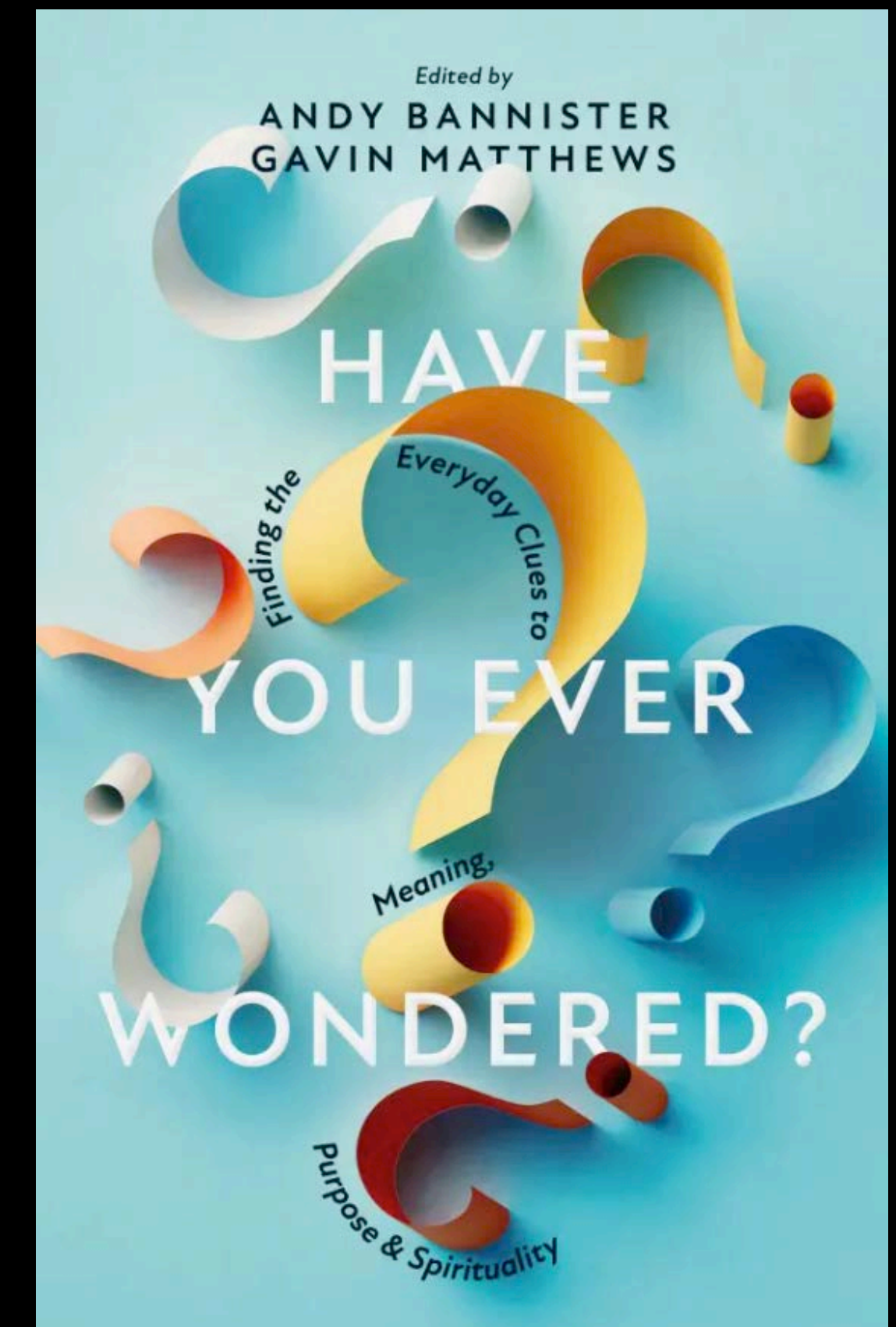
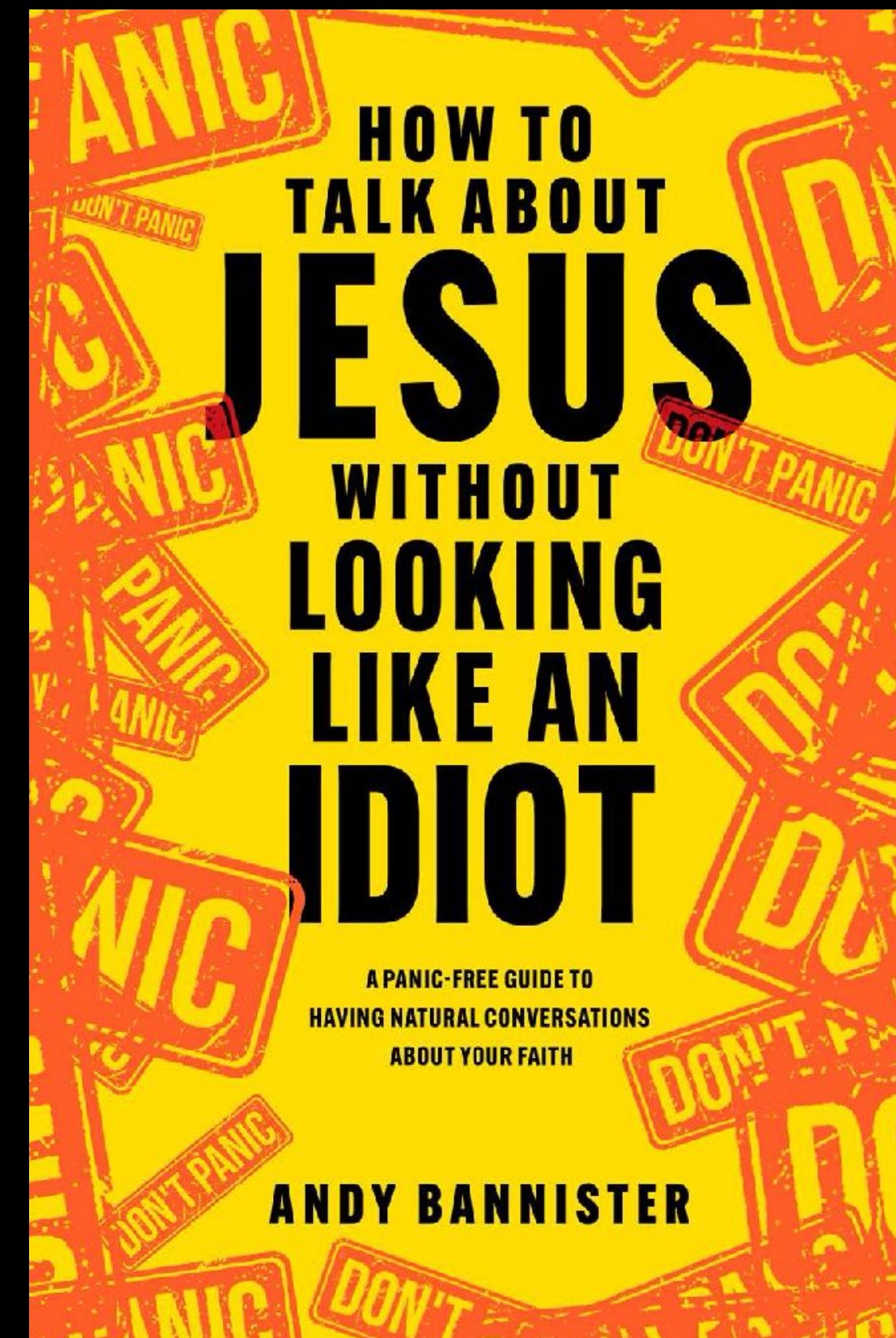
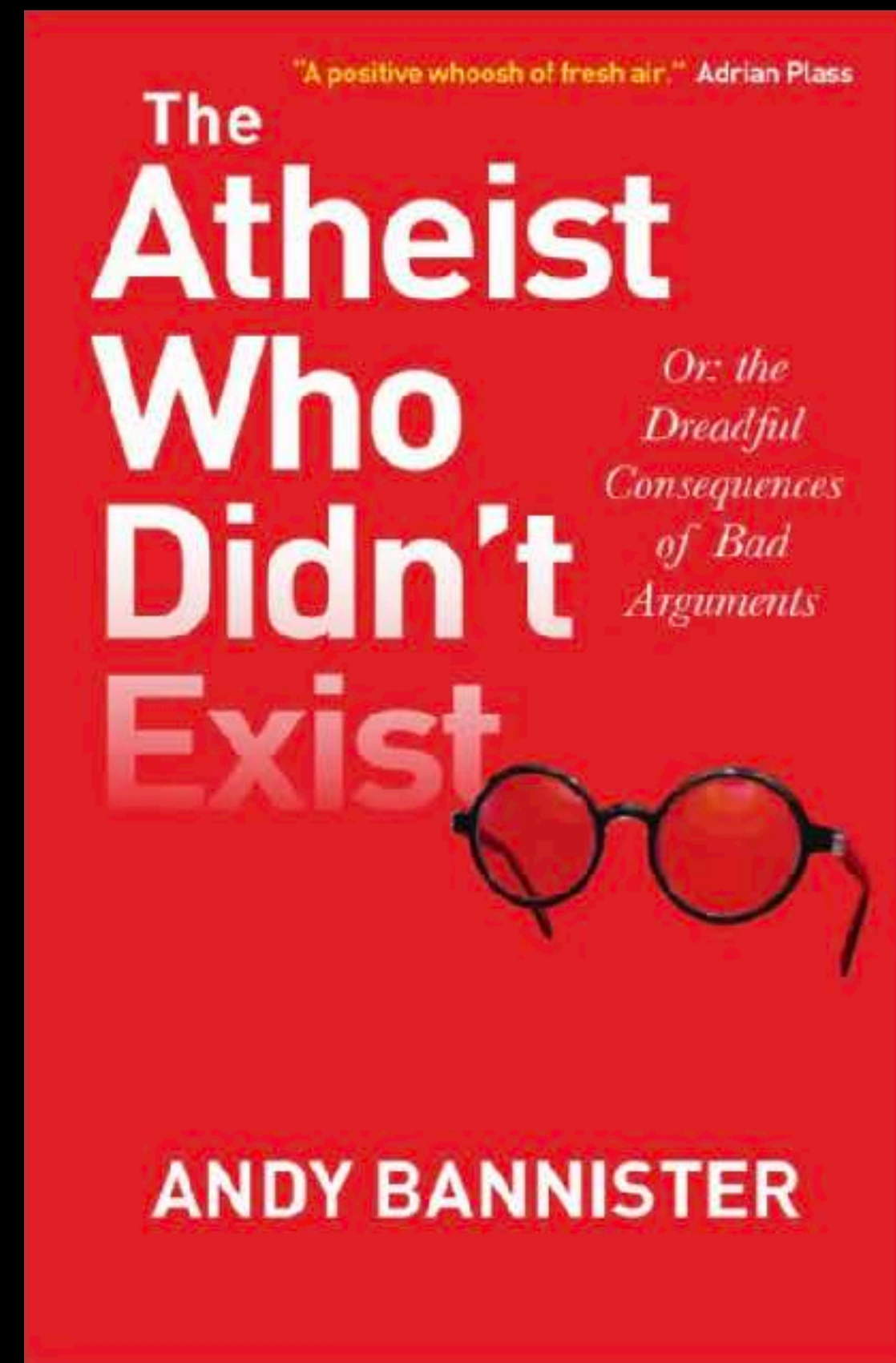
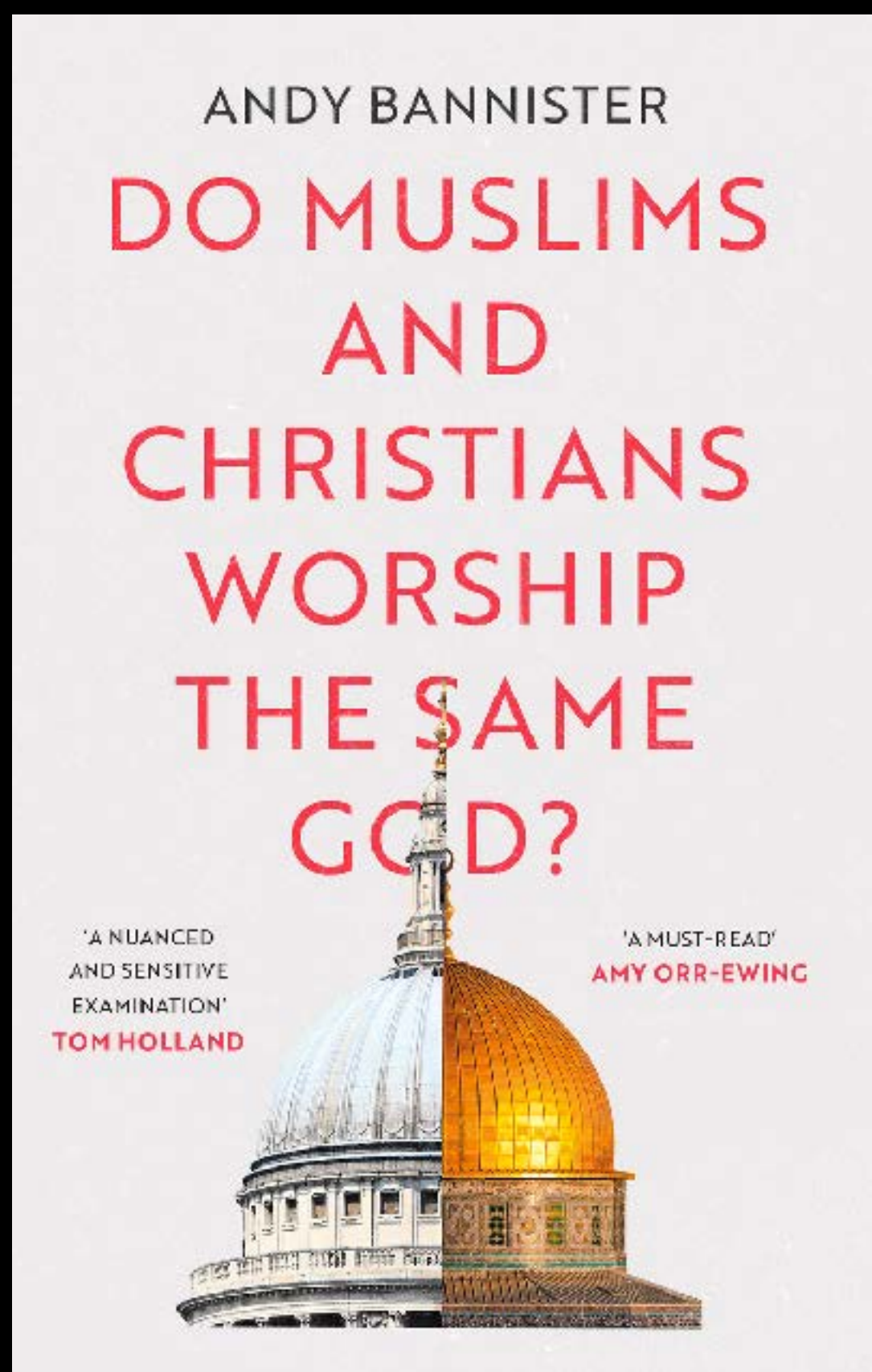
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- We have value because we are made in God's image



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