

# Have You Ever Wondered?

## A New Way to Start Conversations About Your Faith

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“I don’t really care  
about God”

# UK 2021 Census

22,162,062 people (37%) ticked  
“No Religion”, but of that, only ...

- Agnostic (32,000)
- Atheist (14,000)
- Humanist (10,000)

“spiritual but  
not religious”

What do you mean by that?

Why do you think that?

What do you mean by that?

Why do you think that?

Have you ever wondered?

What do you mean by that?

Why do you think that?

Have you ever wondered?





Examples of “Wondering” Questions

**What is love?**





# Examples of “Wondering” Questions Stories

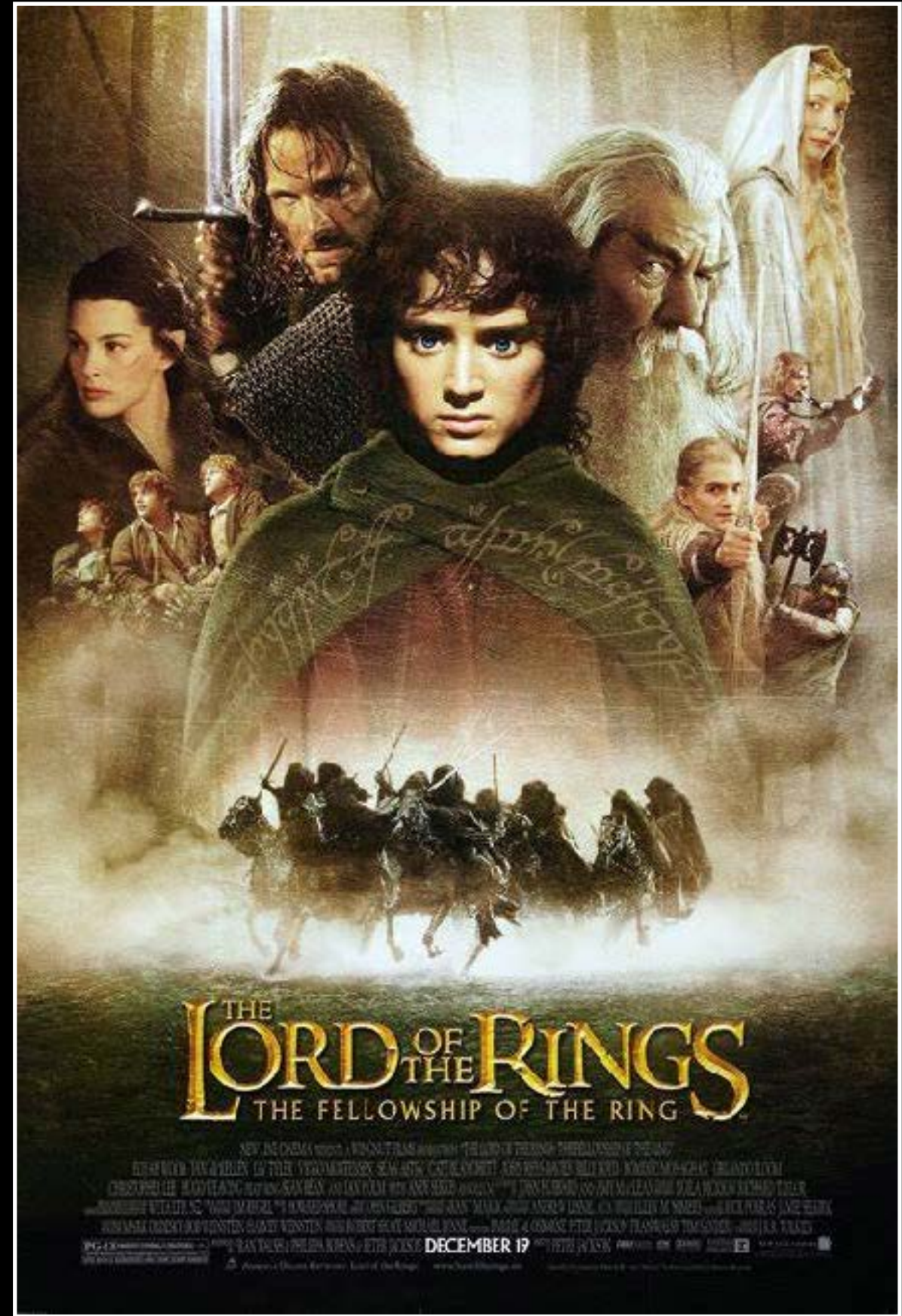
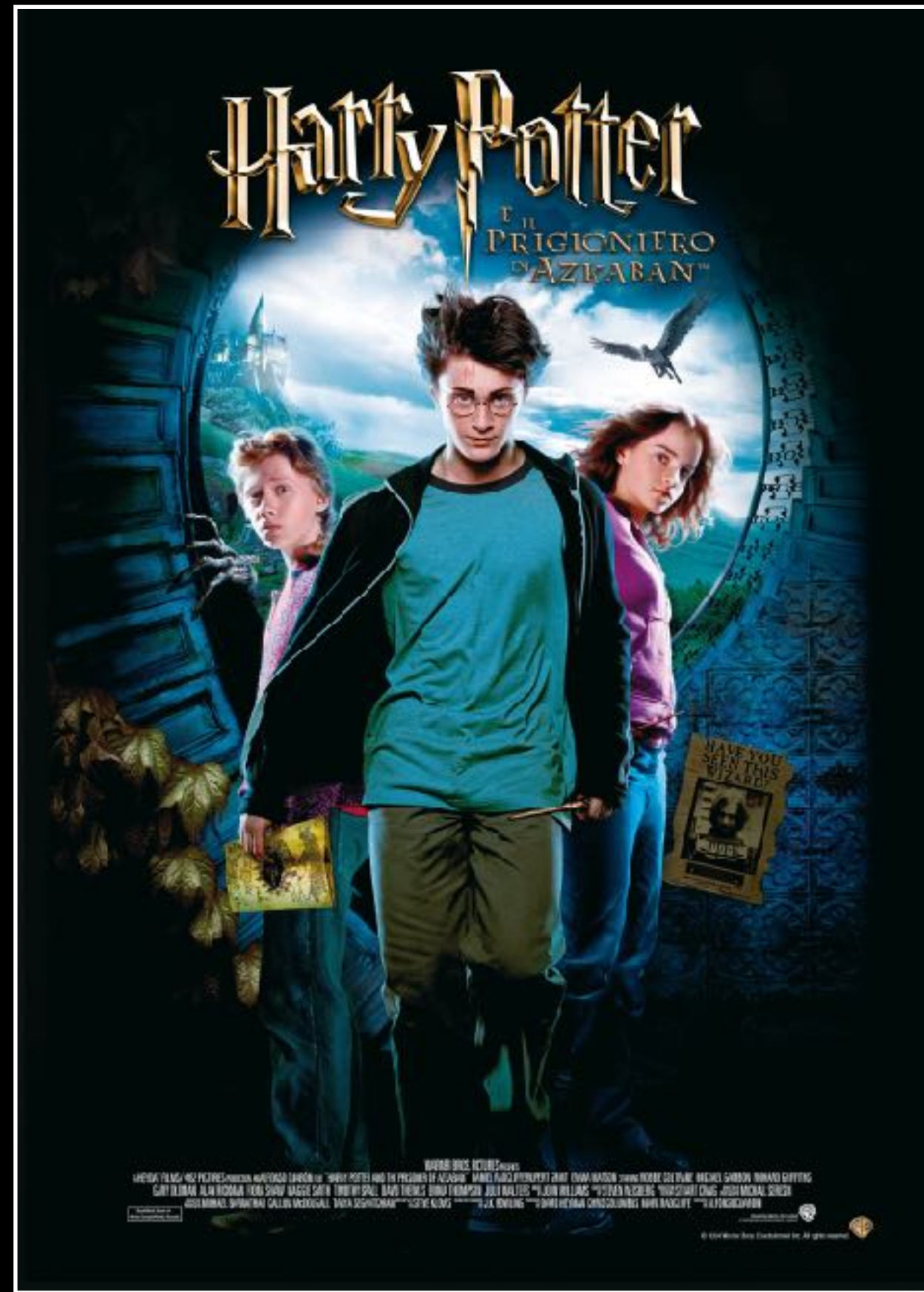
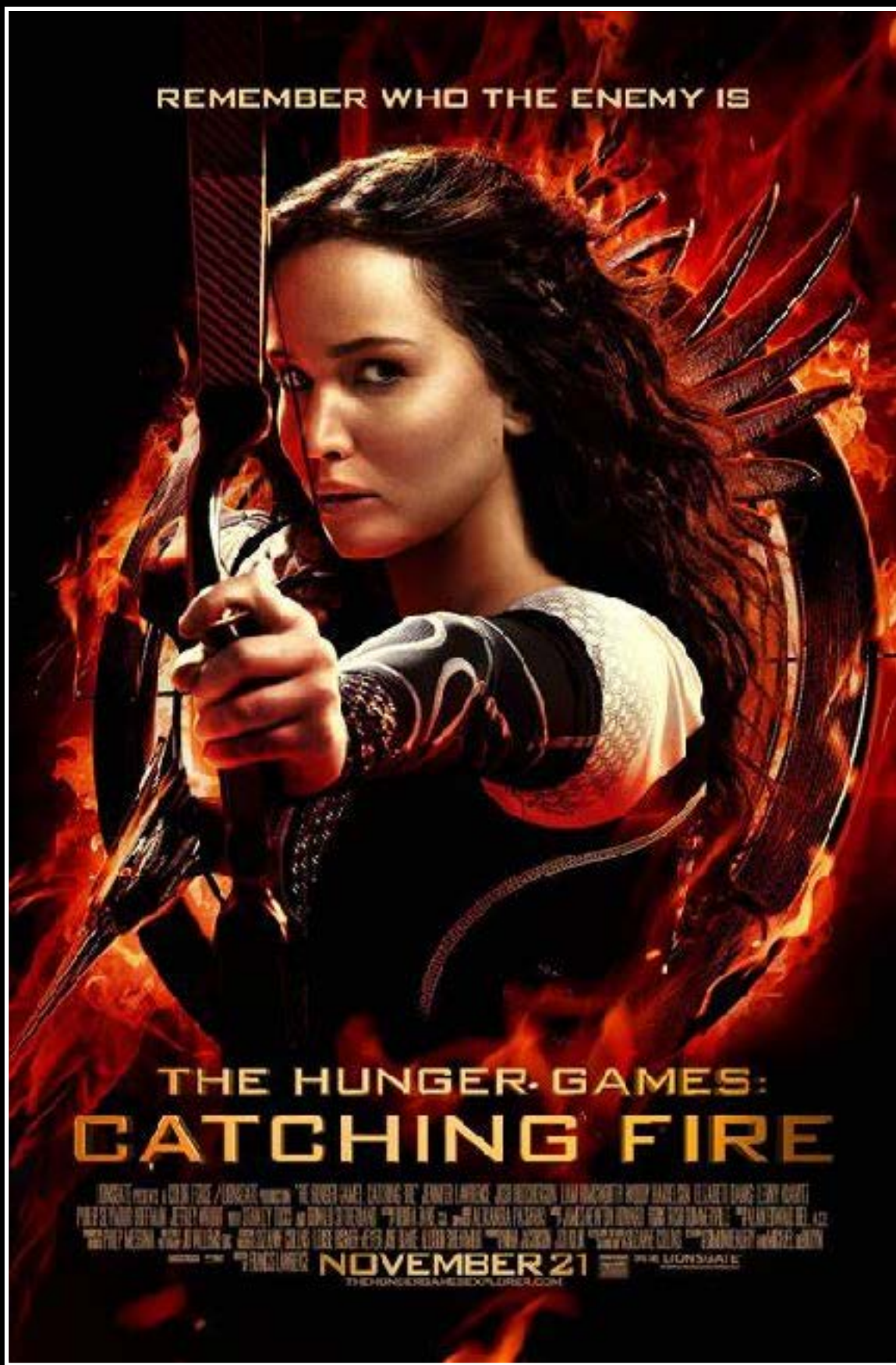


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Once Upon A Time...



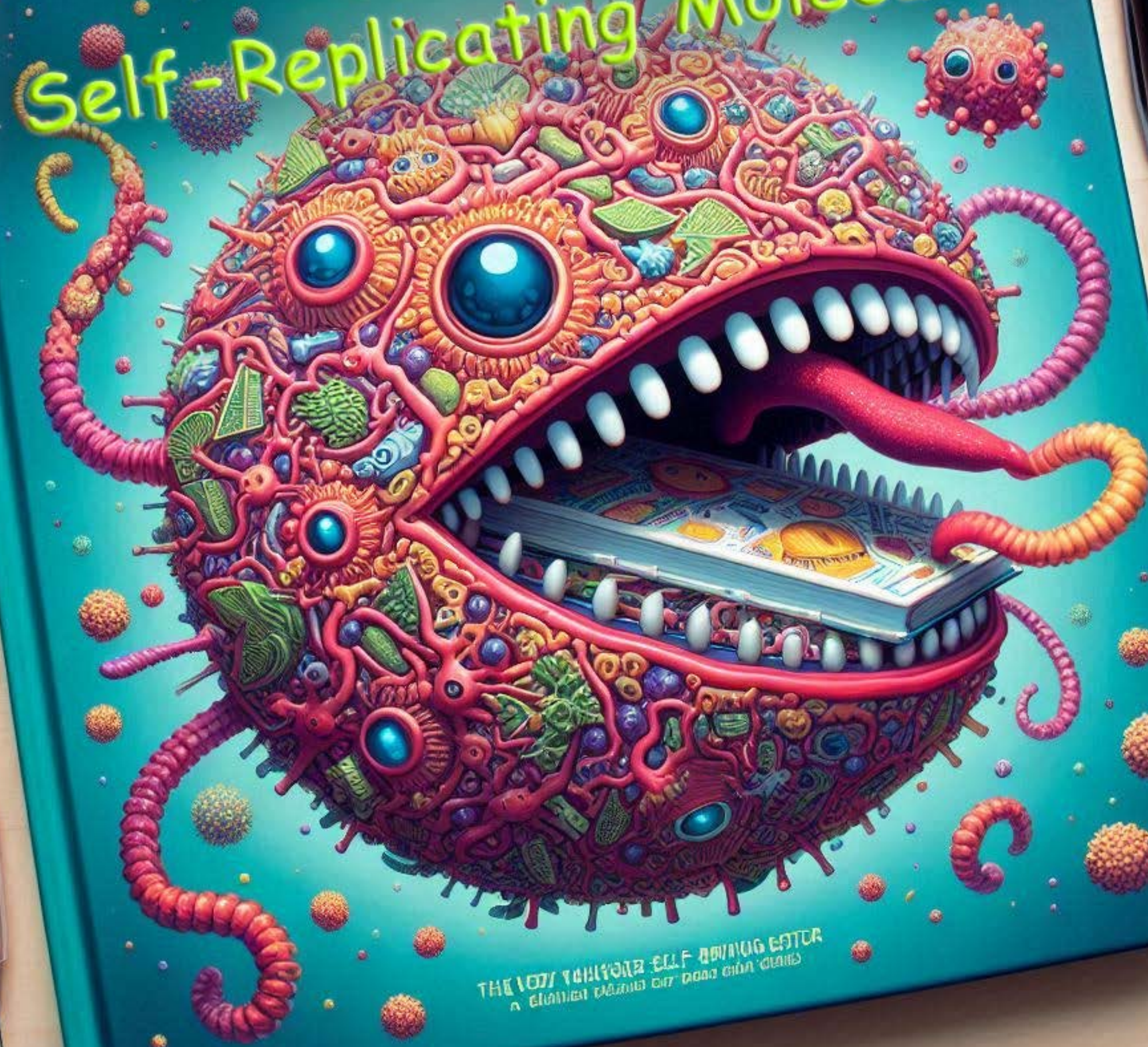








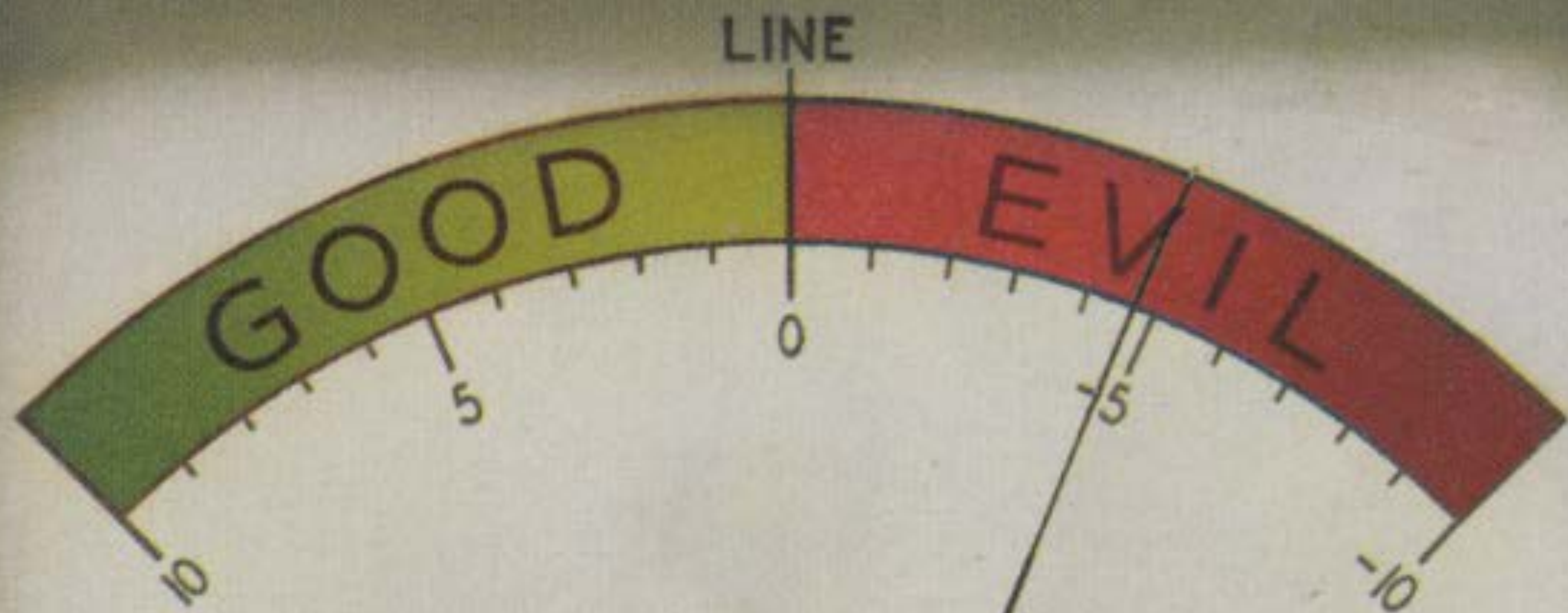
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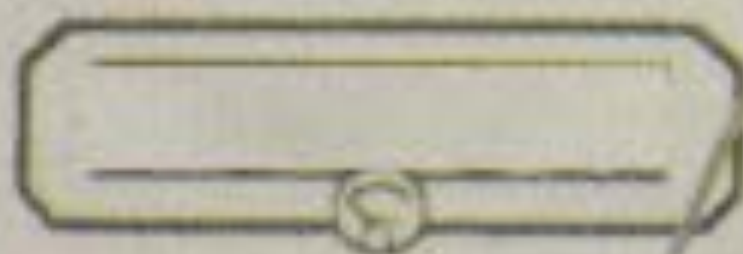
THE VERY HUNGRY SELF-REPLICATING MOLECULE  
A SCIENTIFIC STORY FOR CHILDREN







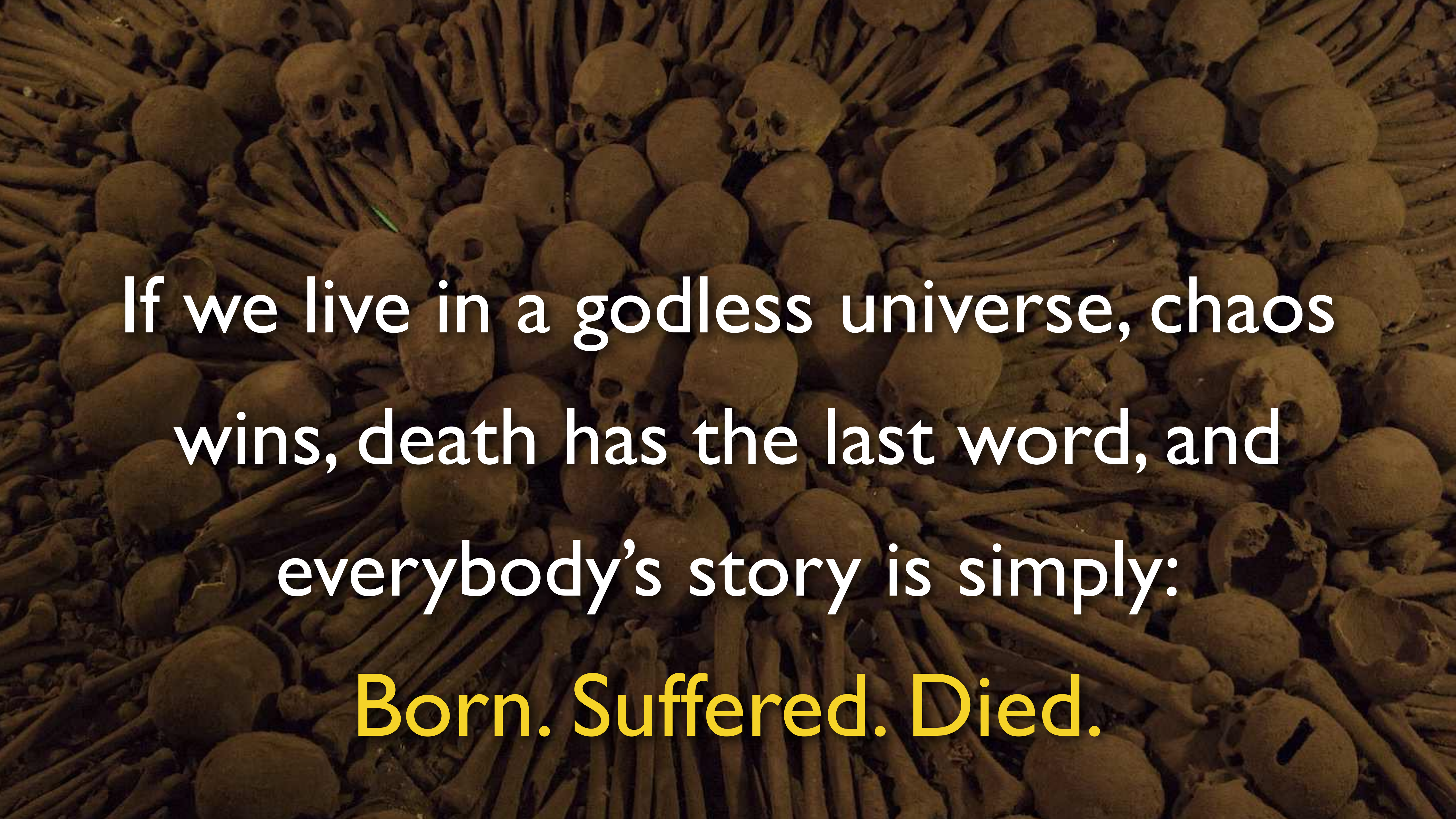
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If we live in a godless universe, chaos  
wins, death has the last word, and  
everybody's story is simply:

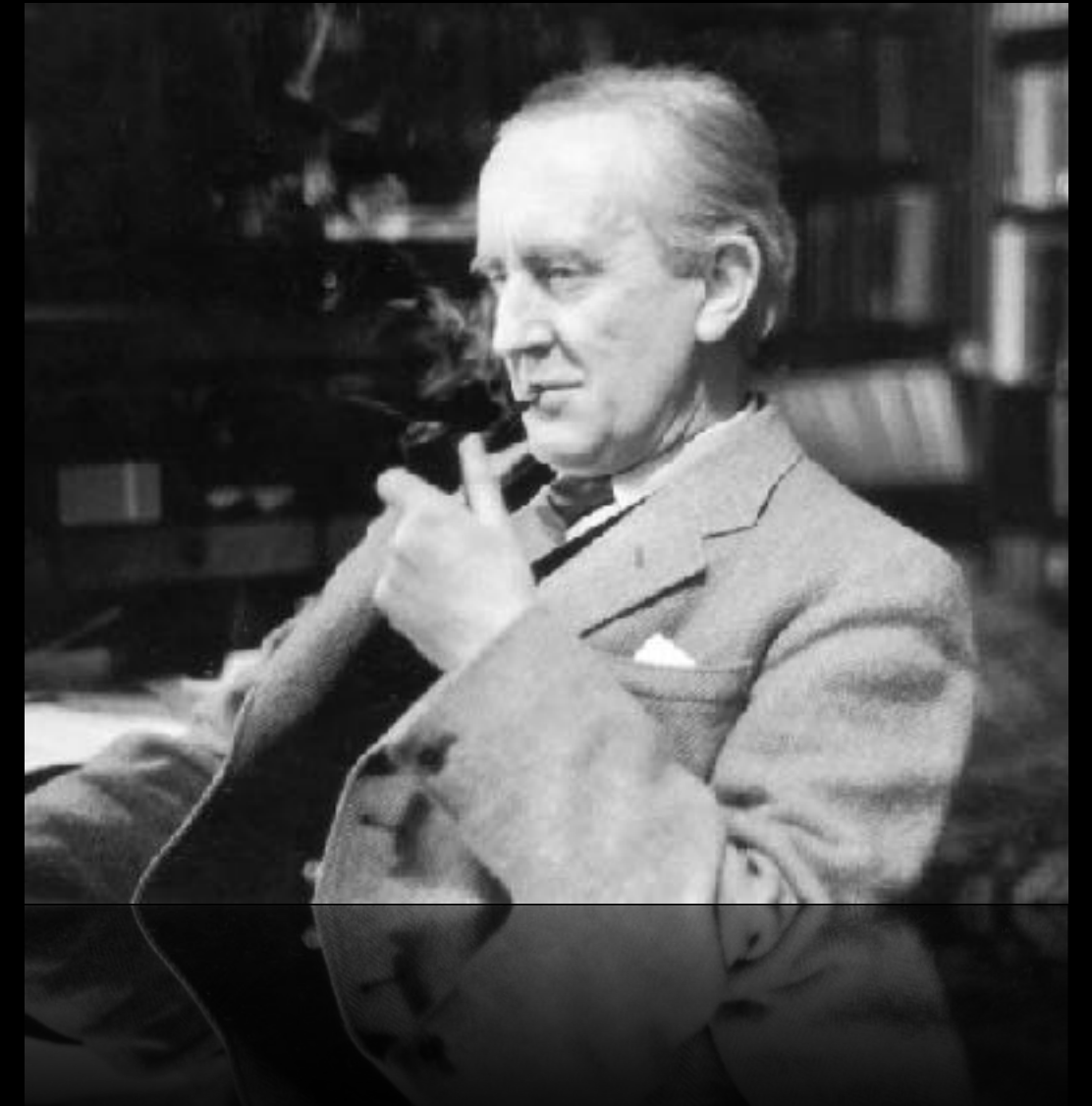
**Born. Suffered. Died.**





*“The Lord of the Rings* is of course a fundamentally religious and Catholic work; unconsciously so at first, but consciously in the revision.”

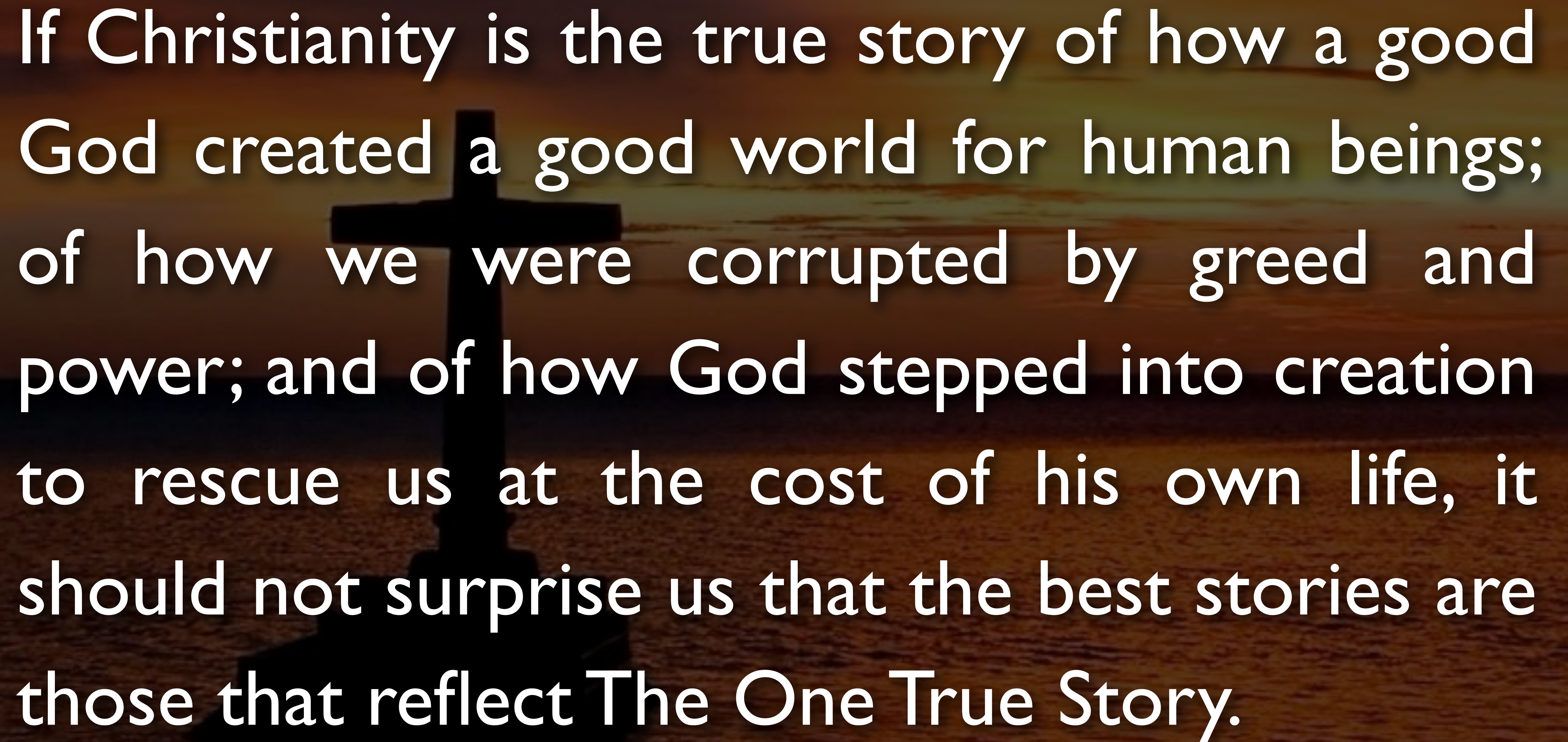
J. R. R. Tolkien





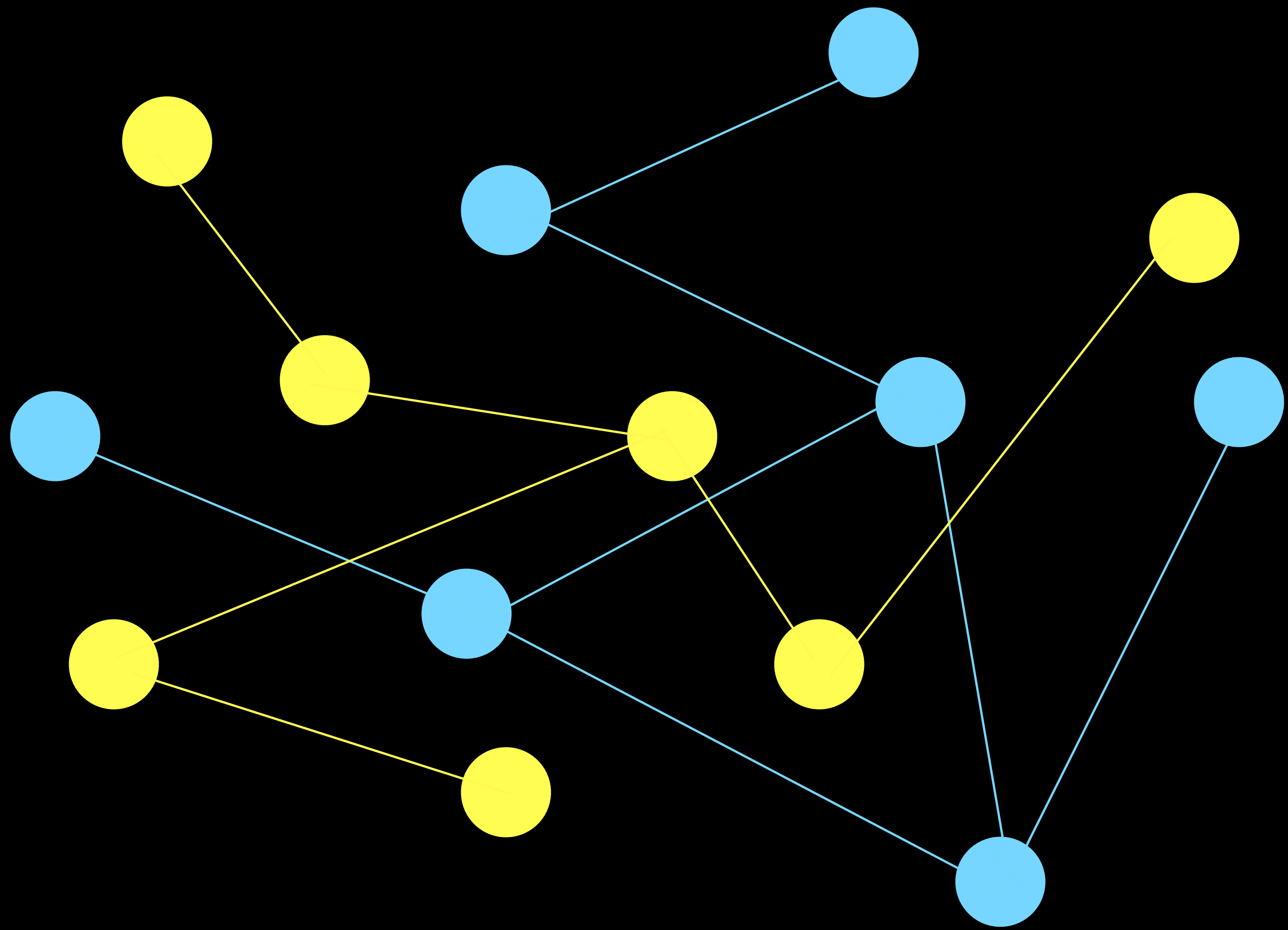




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If Christianity is the true story of how a good God created a good world for human beings; of how we were corrupted by greed and power; and of how God stepped into creation to rescue us at the cost of his own life, it should not surprise us that the best stories are those that reflect The One True Story.





# Joining the Dots in Evangelism

Connecting the *Little Story* to the *Big Story*



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## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

5 CLUES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IN THE SEARCH FOR MEANING

'One of the best Gospel communicators I know, and certainly the funniest'

**DR ANDY BANNISTER**  
HEAD OF SOLAS, CENTRE FOR  
PUBLIC CHRISTIANITY

'Tosses out comic gems in an almost profligate manner'

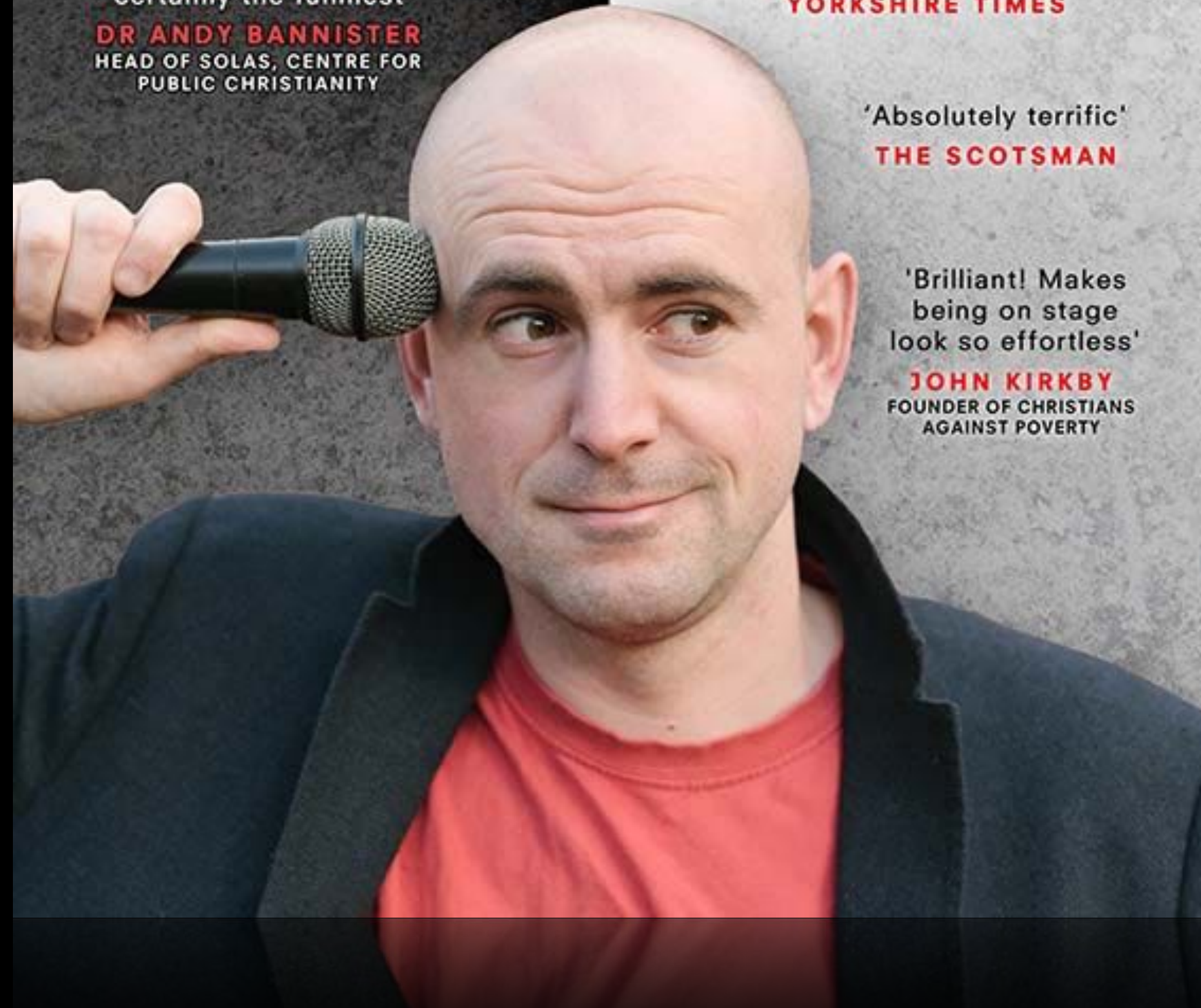
**YORKSHIRE TIMES**

'Absolutely terrific'

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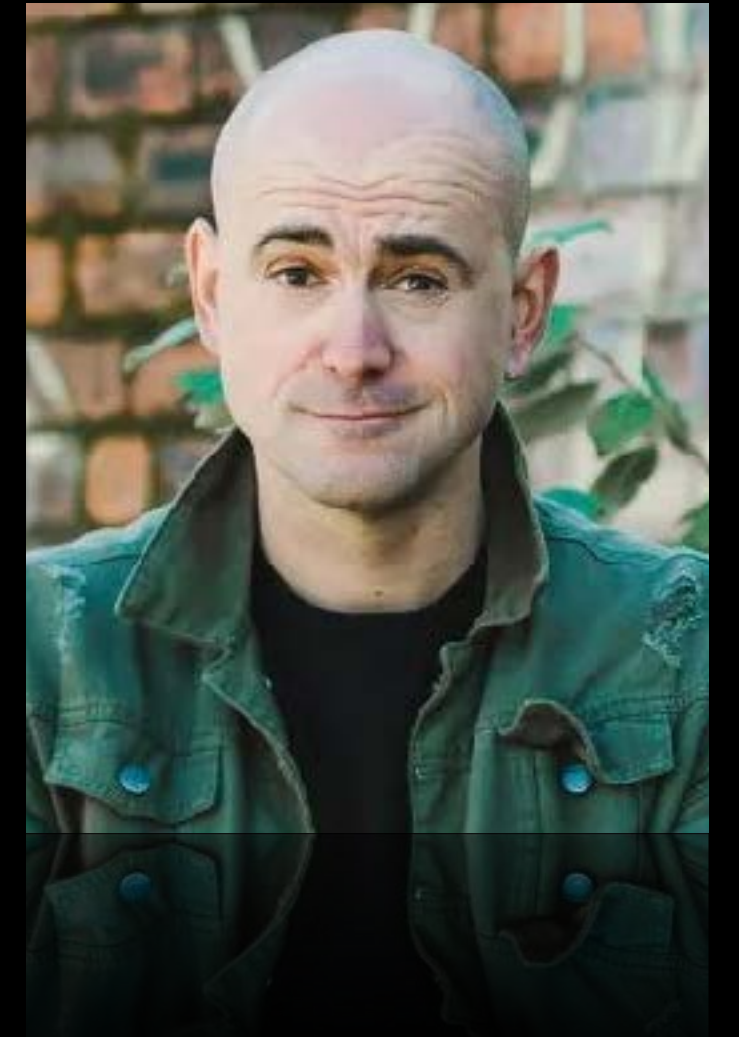
**JOHN KIRKBY**  
FOUNDER OF CHRISTIANS  
AGAINST POVERTY





“In my early twenties I didn’t really know what I thought of the Big Story that the universe is telling ... There seemed to be an infinite number of religions, philosophies and conspiracy theories which sought to account for how and why the universe is as it is, and I wasn’t sure which of those Big Stories out there was the real deal. But I did know something about my ‘Little Story’. I knew that I believed in Love. Not just love, but unconditional Love. I wanted to be loved without fear of rejection; loved for who I was and not based on what I did ... I believed in Justice ... I believed in Purpose ... I believed in Freedom ... I believed in Beauty ... I believed that death felt unnatural to observe, no matter how many times I observed it.”

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# Four Steps ...

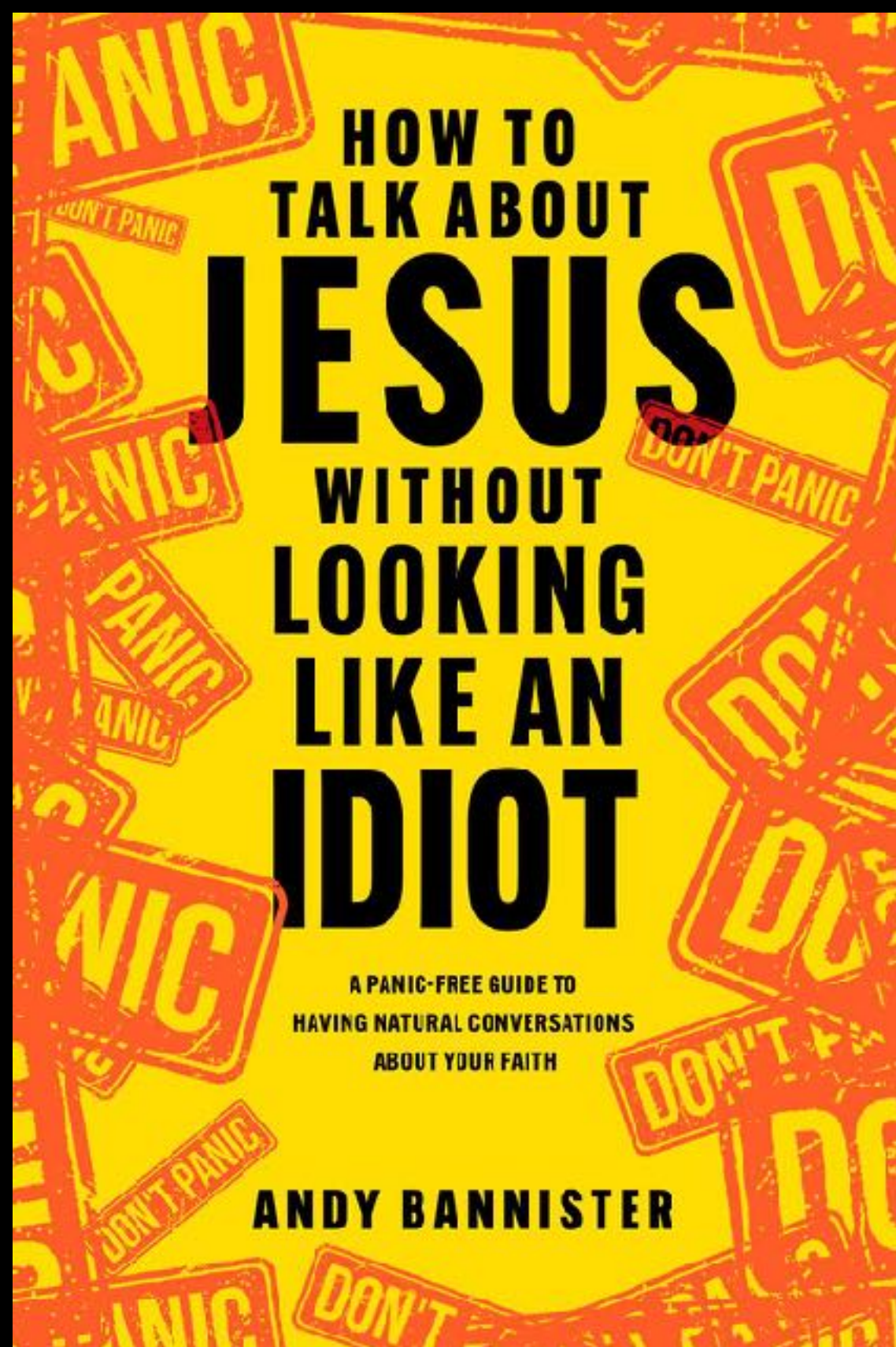
Find out what your friend is passionate about

Take an interest in it

Use a “wondering question” to show how  
it doesn't fit in a godless world

Show how Christianity makes best sense of it





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## Discussion

Think of a friend, colleague, classmate, or family member who is disinterested in faith: what things do you think they care about most deeply? What kind of wondering questions could you ask them gently try to nudge conversations in a spiritual direction?