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Sharing your faith in a complex world

A background image of a stained glass window with various colored panes (red, yellow, orange, blue, purple) and a bright light source in the upper left corner, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere.

***To Know God
and Make
Him Known***

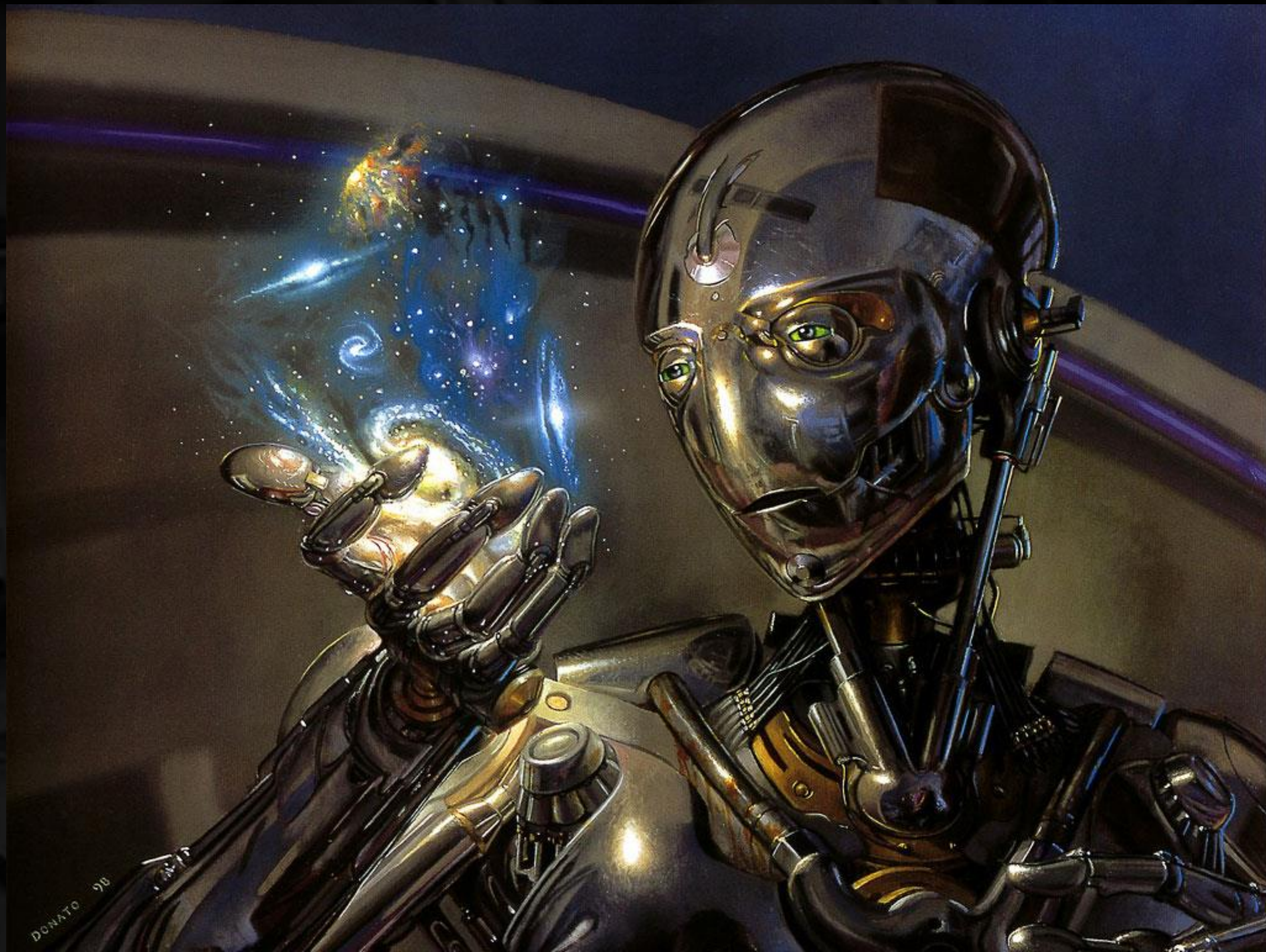


God

Jesus

Salvation

Eternity



SCIENCE FICTION



17th Century
Scientific Revolution
Scientific Method



Microscope (1670s)

Antoine van
Leeuwenhoek



18th Century

Age of Enlightenment

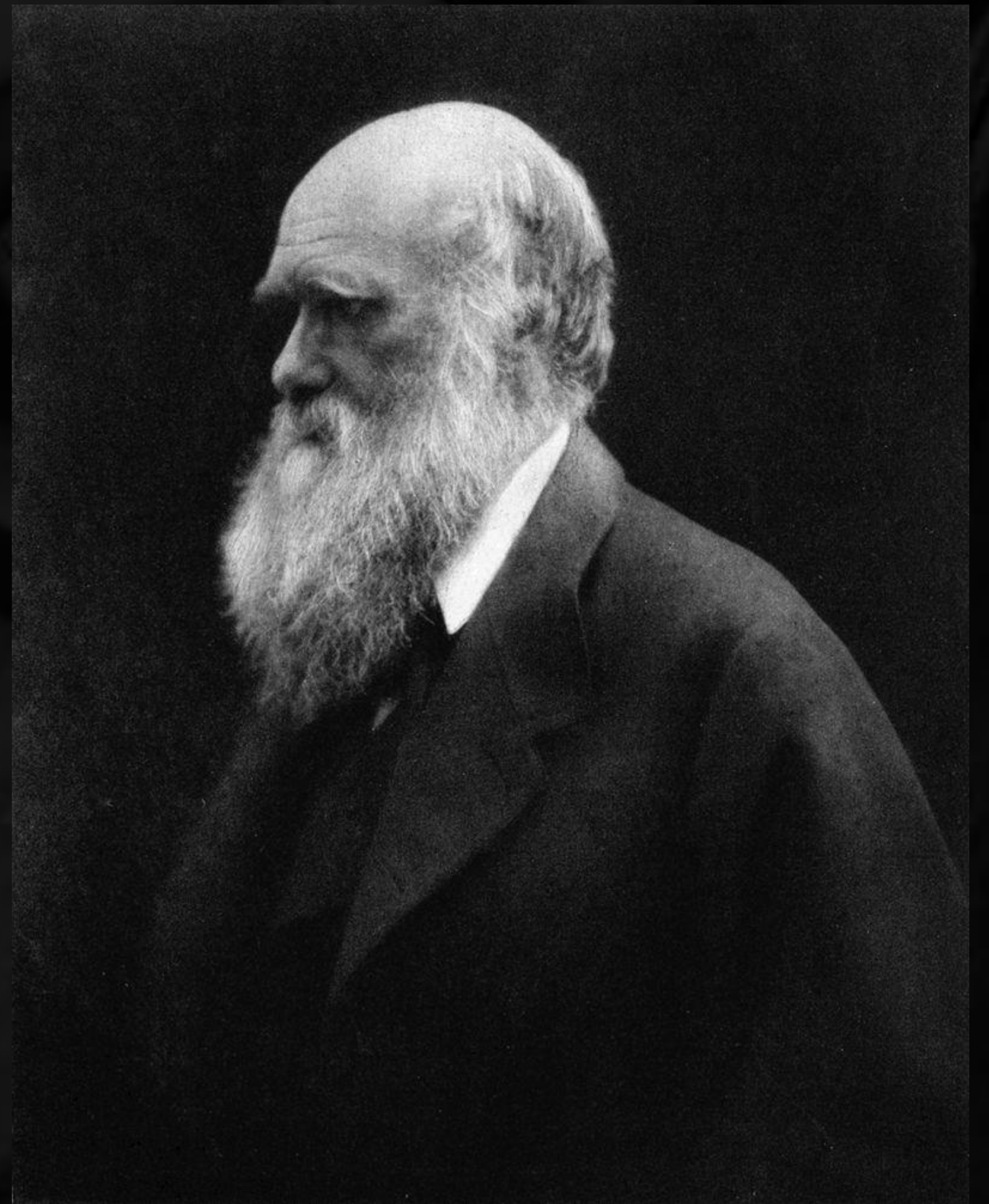
Reason as the source

The background of the slide is a dark, monochromatic collage of various industrial tools and machinery components. Visible items include a hand saw, a wrench, a screwdriver, a hammer, a pair of pliers, a tape measure, a level, a drill bit, and various gears and bolts. The tools are arranged in a somewhat chaotic but organized manner, creating a sense of a workshop or a factory floor.

19th Century Industrial Revolution

On The Origin of Species (1859)

Charles
Darwin



SCIENCE FICTION

Science Fiction (SciFi)
has roots throughout
literary history

SCIENCE FICTION

Epic of Gilgamesh
17th Century

Frankenstein (1818)

20,000 Leagues (1870)

H.G. Wells (1895-1898)

20th Century

SCIENCE FICTION

As fiction and reality began to coincide, people have become more susceptible to believing in science as a root of new religions, or renovations of centuries old ones.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE



Mary Baker Eddy
(1821-1910)

Church of Christ,
Scientist (1879)

Science and Health with Key
to the Scriptures (1875)

THE SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT OF BEING

There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter.

All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.

Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error.

Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal.

Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness.

Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

God

Impersonal Principle of life,
truth, love, intelligence and
spirit

Spirit is all that truly exists;
matter is an illusion



Jesus

Just a man who displayed the
“Christ” idea

“Christ” = perfection, not deity



Salvation

Humanity is already saved

Sin, evil, sickness, and death are
not real.



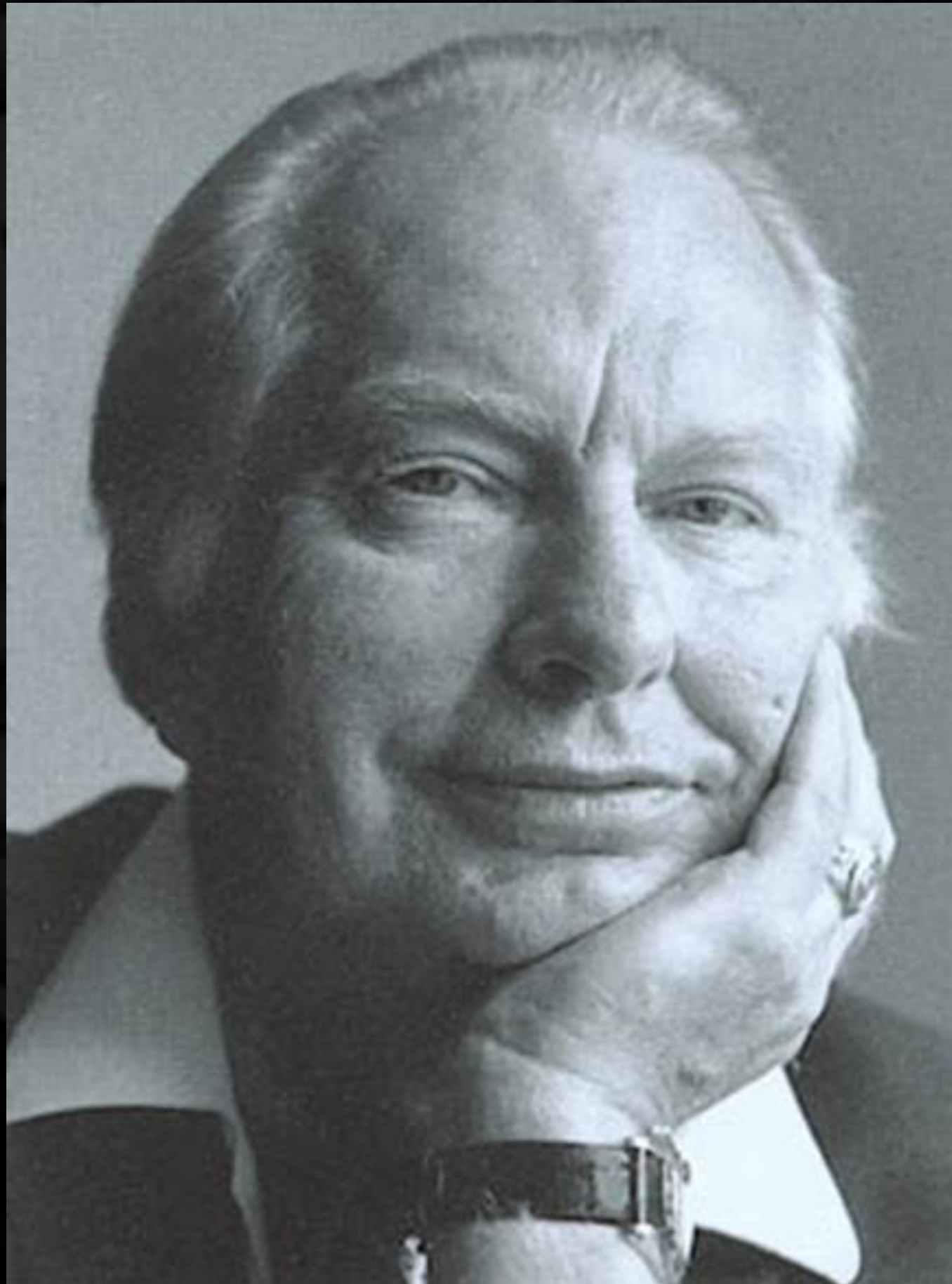
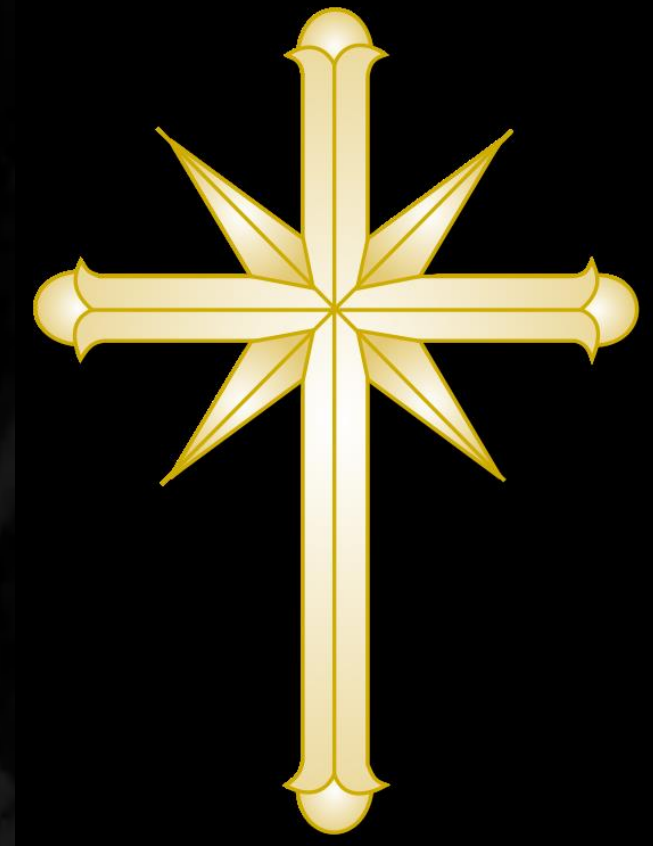
Eternity

Death is not real

Heaven and Hell are states of mind

The way to Heaven is by attaining
harmony (oneness with God).

SCIENTOLOGY



L. Ron Hubbard
(1911-1986)

Church of
Scientology (1954)

L. Ron Hubbard –

- Sci Fi and Adventure fiction author
- Dianetics – 1950
- All the writings and lectures of L. Ron Hubbard are considered scripture.



God

No god or supreme being

Everyone is a “thetan,” an immortal spirit with unlimited powers over its own universe.



Jesus

No significant place in
Scientology



Salvation

No sin or need to repent

Salvation is freedom from
reincarnation.

Salvation

Achieved by a practice called “auditing” in which a person deals with past negative memories (“engrams”) to achieve the state of “clear” and progress up the “bridge to total freedom.

Salvation

Realization of your full potential as a “thetan,” resulting in success, power, and even the ability to manipulate reality with your intentions and thoughts.

Eternity

Heaven and hell are myths.

People who are “clear” will become “operating thetans,” existing in a state of complete spiritual freedom that is no longer limited to physical existence

Interesting Tidbits:

“Not just something you believe in, but something you do.”

“What is true is what is true for you.”

Xenu Myth

Oppressive Cult practices

SCIENCE FICTION

- Aetherius Society
- Church of the SubGenius
 - Heaven's Gate
- Universal Industrial Church of the New World Comforter
 - Nation of Islam
 - Raëlism
 - Scientology
- Unarius Academy of Science
 - Universe people

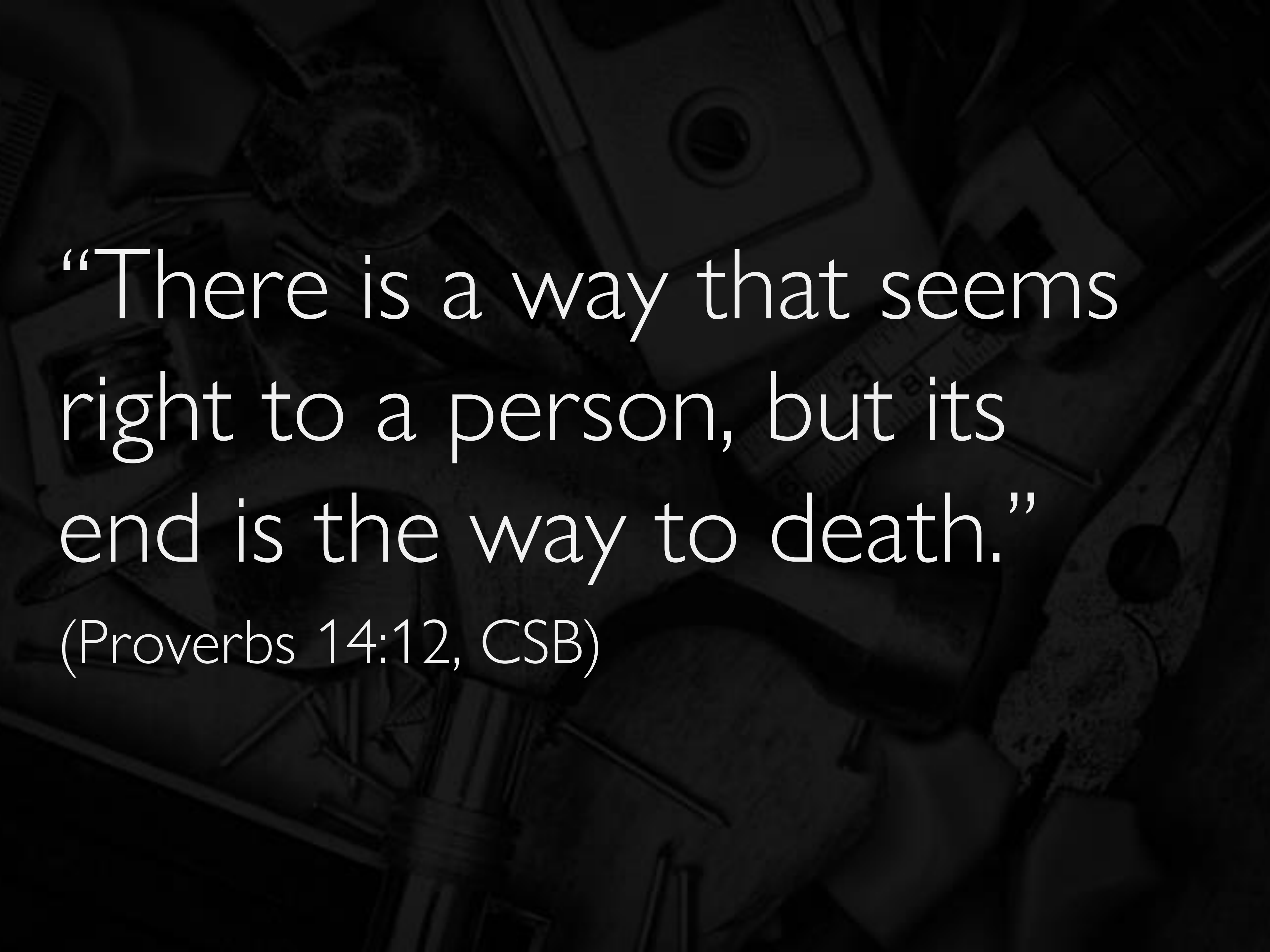


So What?

“In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

(Genesis 3:5, CSB)

Our first and most
persistent sin is the
desire to be god.



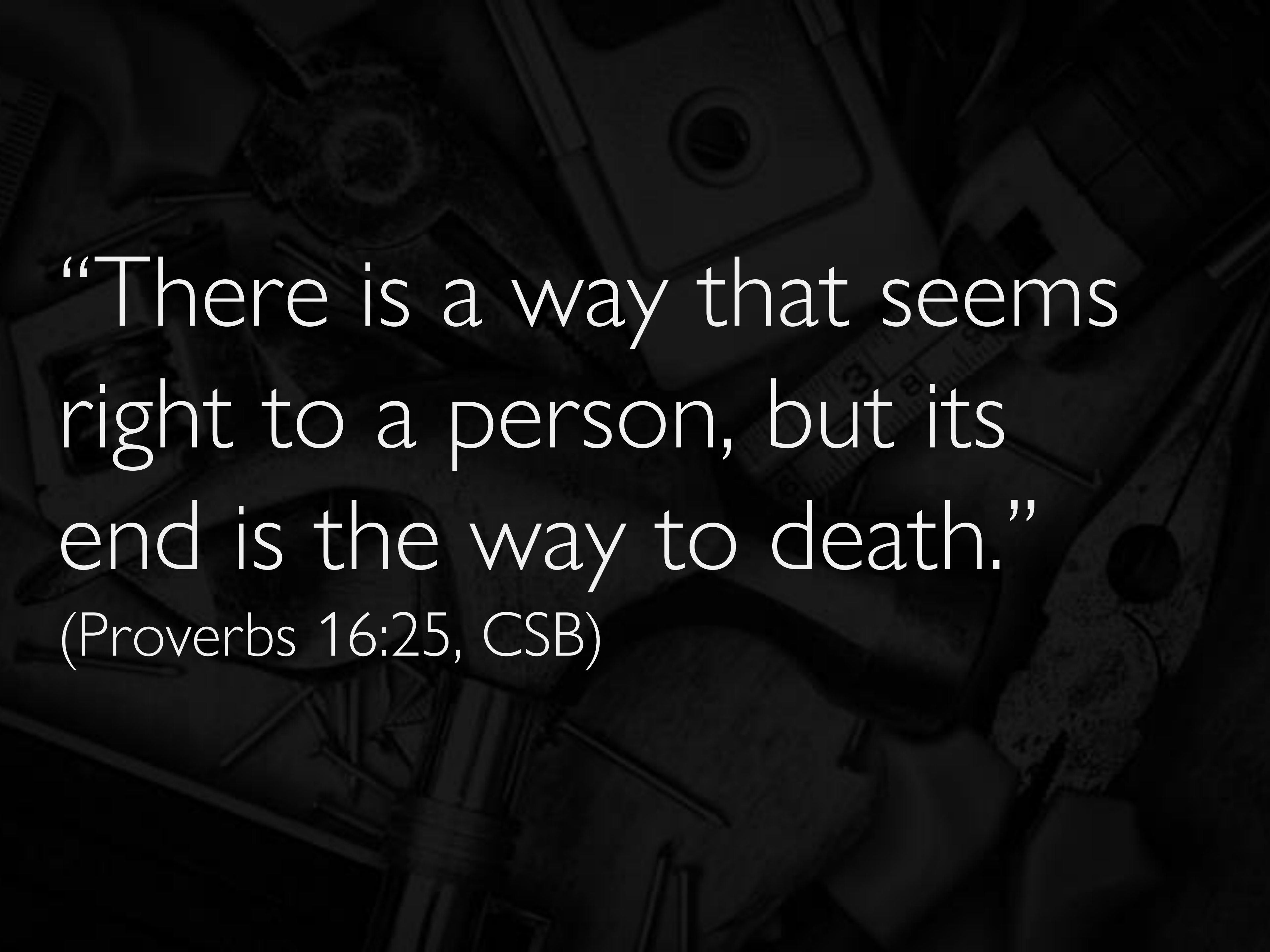
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end is the way to death.”

(Proverbs 14:12, CSB)

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“The inexperienced one
believes anything, but the
sensible one watches his
steps.”

(Proverbs 14:15, CSB)



“There is a way that seems
right to a person, but its
end is the way to death.”

(Proverbs 16:25, CSB)

“So what fruit was produced then from the things you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death.”

(Romans 6:21, CSB)



Human wisdom will
always fail us.

I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable...be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ.

(Colossians 2:4,8 CSB)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!”

(2 Corinthians 5:17, CSB)

We are made new only
through the power of
Jesus Christ, granted us
through our faith in Him

“They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; for they did not love their lives to the point of death.”

(Revelation 12:11, CSB)

We will overcome by
faithful dedication to
Christ as shown by
our changed lives

It's not about being "right" or
defeating someone in an argument,

It's about eternity.

Memorize Revelation 12:11

Share the Person and Gospel of Jesus as the only answer to the problem of pain and suffering in this life and in eternity

Live what you say you believe

Pray for revival in the lives of your friends and show the Gospel through love and compassion

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