



Fake News

Confusing God

Recap

"I think where both side of the nature of God debate get it wrong, is that we fail to appreciate **the difference between an angry God and a God who gets angry**. It may sound like splitting hairs, but it's a tremendously important hair to split."

Zack Hunt

Recap

Premise 1: God is Just

Premise 2: Humanity is Not

Premise 3: God is Slow to Anger

Premise 4: Wrath is Responsive

Premise 5: The Cross Stands
Between Us and God

Recap

Your hands are full of blood! Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. [Isaiah 1:16-17](#)



The death of reading is threatening the soul, Philip Yancey, WP

The Internet and social media have trained my brain to read a paragraph or two, and then start looking around. When I read an online article from the Atlantic or the New Yorker, after a few paragraphs I glance over at the slide bar to judge the article's length. **My mind strays,** and I find myself clicking on the sidebars and the underlined links.



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Nicholas Carr's book "The Shallows" analyzes the phenomenon, and its subtitle says it all: "What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains." Carr spells out that most Americans, and young people especially, are showing a precipitous decline in the amount of time spent reading.



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I've concluded that a commitment to reading is an ongoing battle. We have to build a fortress with walls strong enough to withstand the temptations of that powerful dopamine rush while also providing shelter for an environment that allows deep reading to flourish. **Christians especially need that sheltering space, for quiet meditation is one of the most important spiritual disciplines.**

A person is walking through a dark, complex maze. A bright, glowing path of light leads from the foreground towards a large, intricate maze structure in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with the light path providing the primary illumination.

We are addicted to spiritual "sugar"



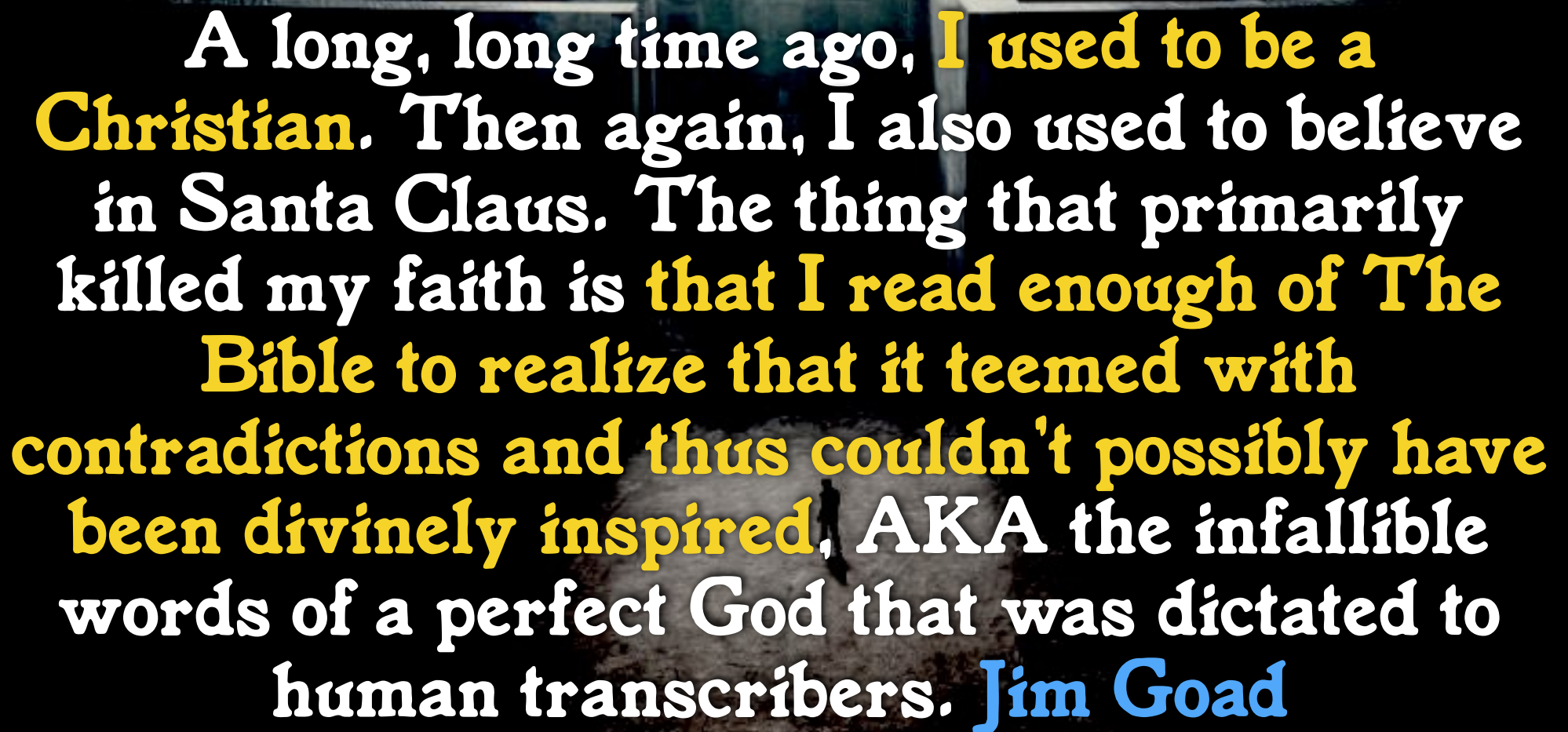
Why is the bible so confusing?

Does the bible contradict itself?

What do I take literally?

Which parts still have application today?

Is the bible still relevant?

A photograph of a maze with a path leading to a small figure in the distance. The maze is constructed from dark, rectangular blocks. The path is a light-colored dirt or sand path that leads from the foreground towards a small, dark silhouette of a person standing in the center of the maze. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an outdoor setting at night or in low light.

A long, long time ago, **I used to be a Christian.** Then again, I also used to believe in Santa Claus. The thing that primarily killed my faith is **that I read enough of The Bible to realize that it teemed with contradictions and thus couldn't possibly have been divinely inspired,** AKA the infallible words of a perfect God that was dictated to human transcribers. **Jim Goad**

The Bible and the Trinity

A person is walking through a maze. A path of light leads from the person towards the exit of the maze. The maze is made of dark, rectangular walls. The background is dark, and the light path is the only source of illumination.

Old Testament

Gospels

Acts Onward

God the Father

God the Son

God the Spirit

Hermeneutics

Hermeneutics as the **methodology of interpretation** is concerned with problems that arise when dealing with meaningful human actions and the products of such actions, most importantly texts. **As a methodological discipline, it offers a toolbox for efficiently treating problems of the interpretation of human actions, texts and other meaningful material.**

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

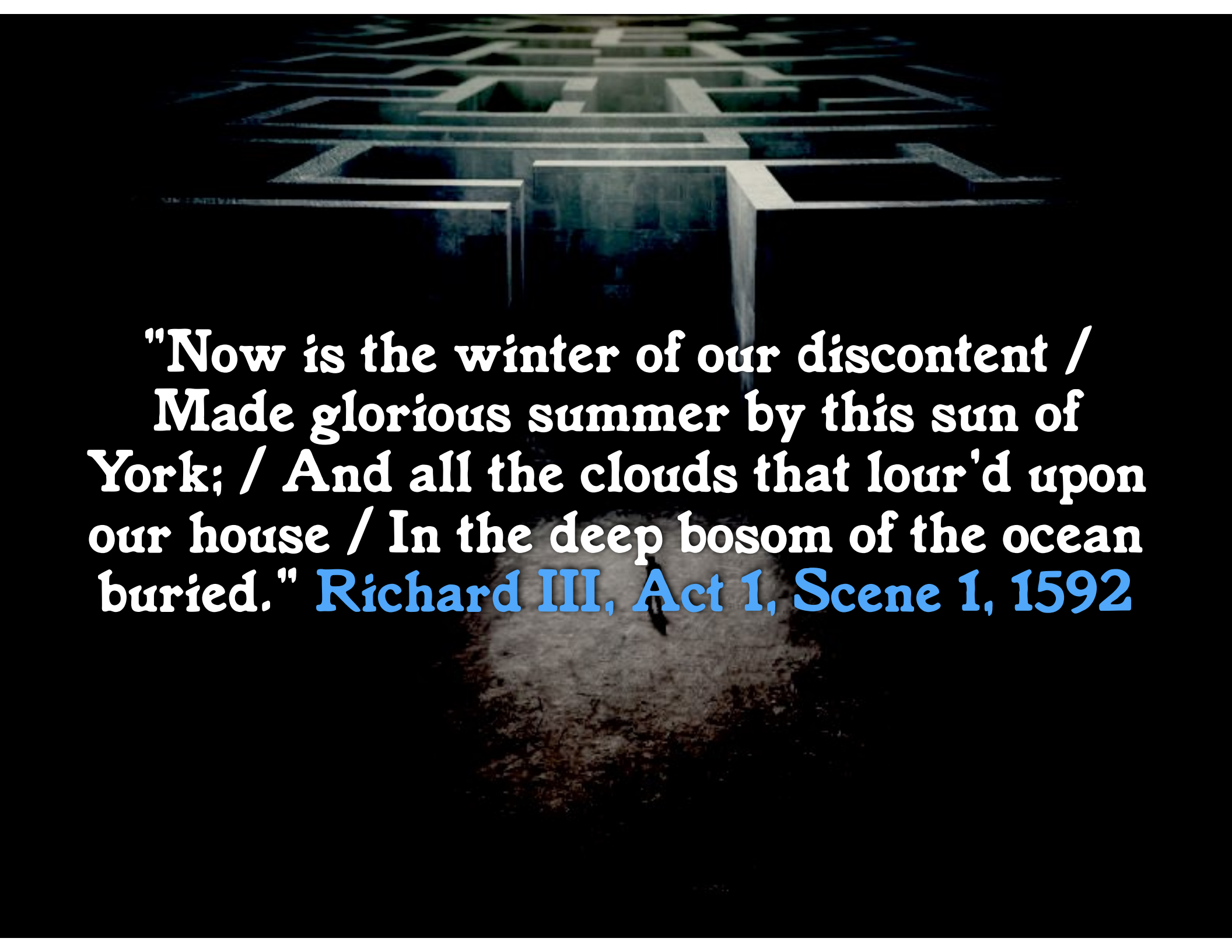
A 3D maze with a person walking on a path. The maze is constructed from dark, rectangular blocks, creating a complex network of paths and dead ends. A single path is illuminated, leading from the foreground towards the center of the maze. A small, dark silhouette of a person is walking along this path. The background is dark, and the overall atmosphere is mysterious and challenging.

Hermeneutic Principle

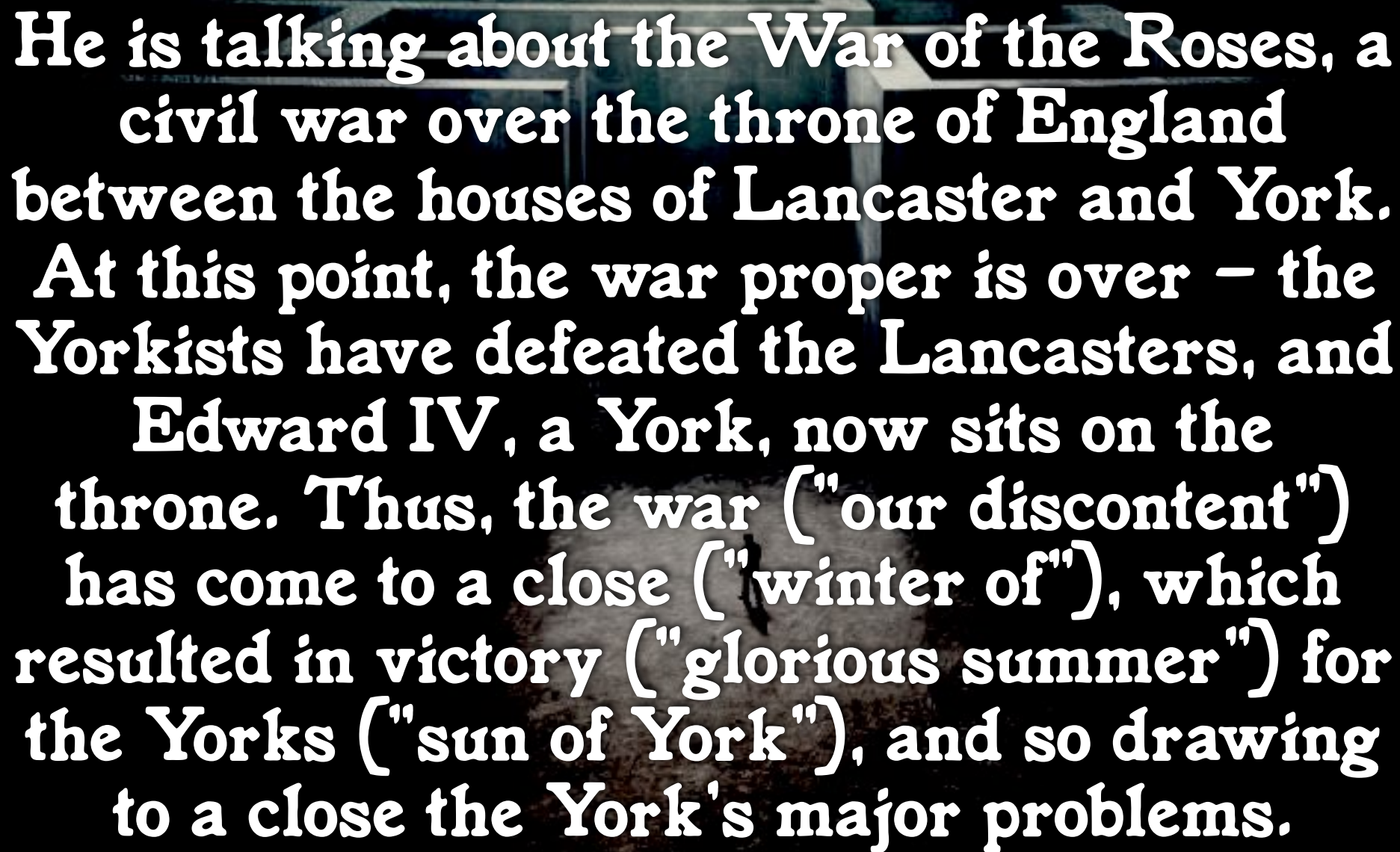
The law of non-modification

If scripture states something, but then modifies it at another point, we realize that the subject being addressed is a continuous theme

If scripture does not, then it is considered closed

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a stone maze. The maze is constructed from light-colored stone walls, creating a complex network of paths and dead ends. A single path leads from the foreground into the distance, where a small figure of a person can be seen walking. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the stone walls and deep shadows in the recesses, creating a sense of mystery and complexity.

**"Now is the winter of our discontent /
Made glorious summer by this sun of
York; / And all the clouds that lour'd upon
our house / In the deep bosom of the ocean
buried." Richard III, Act 1, Scene 1, 1592**



He is talking about the War of the Roses, a civil war over the throne of England between the houses of Lancaster and York. At this point, the war proper is over – the Yorkists have defeated the Lancasters, and Edward IV, a York, now sits on the throne. Thus, the war ("our discontent") has come to a close ("winter of"), which resulted in victory ("glorious summer") for the Yorks ("sun of York"), and so drawing to a close the York's major problems.

The Bible

Culture

Language



History

Supernatural

A 3D maze with a path leading to a bright light at the end. The maze is constructed from dark, rectangular blocks, and the path is illuminated by a bright light source at the far end, creating a strong contrast and a sense of direction. The overall scene is dark, with the light source being the primary focus.

The Old and New Testament is the progressive revelation of the character and nature of God. It is the unfolding story of God's plan for humanity.

The Bible and the Trinity

Old Testament

God the Father

**Law, Sin
Temple
Covenant
Holiness**

Sets the table

Gospels

God the Son

**Heart
Religion
Grace
Gentiles**

Meal is served

Acts Onward

God the Spirit

**Power
Gifts
Supernatural
Fruit**

Takeout

The Bible and the Trinity

A person is walking through a maze. The maze is made of dark, rectangular walls. A bright, circular path of light leads from the person towards the center of the maze. The background is dark, and the overall scene is dimly lit, with the light path providing the main source of illumination.

Old Testament

God the Father

Gospels

God the Son

Acts Onward

God the Spirit

Dietary

Laws

Leviticus 11

Acts 10

The Bible and the Trinity

Old Testament

God the Father

**War,
Violence**

Gospels

God the Son

**Matthew
5:38-40
John 18:36
Matthew
26:52-54**

Acts Onward

God the Spirit

The Bible and the Trinity



Old Testament

God the Father

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God the Son

Acts Onward

God the Spirit

**Relational
Laws
Leviticus 18**

**Matt. 5:32,
15:19, 19:9
Mark 7:21
John 8:41**

**Acts 15
1 Cor., Gal.,
Eph., Col.
etc.**

The Formula for Distance

$$R \times T = D$$

rate x time = distance

going 5 miles per hour, it will take me 1000
hours to cover 5000 miles.

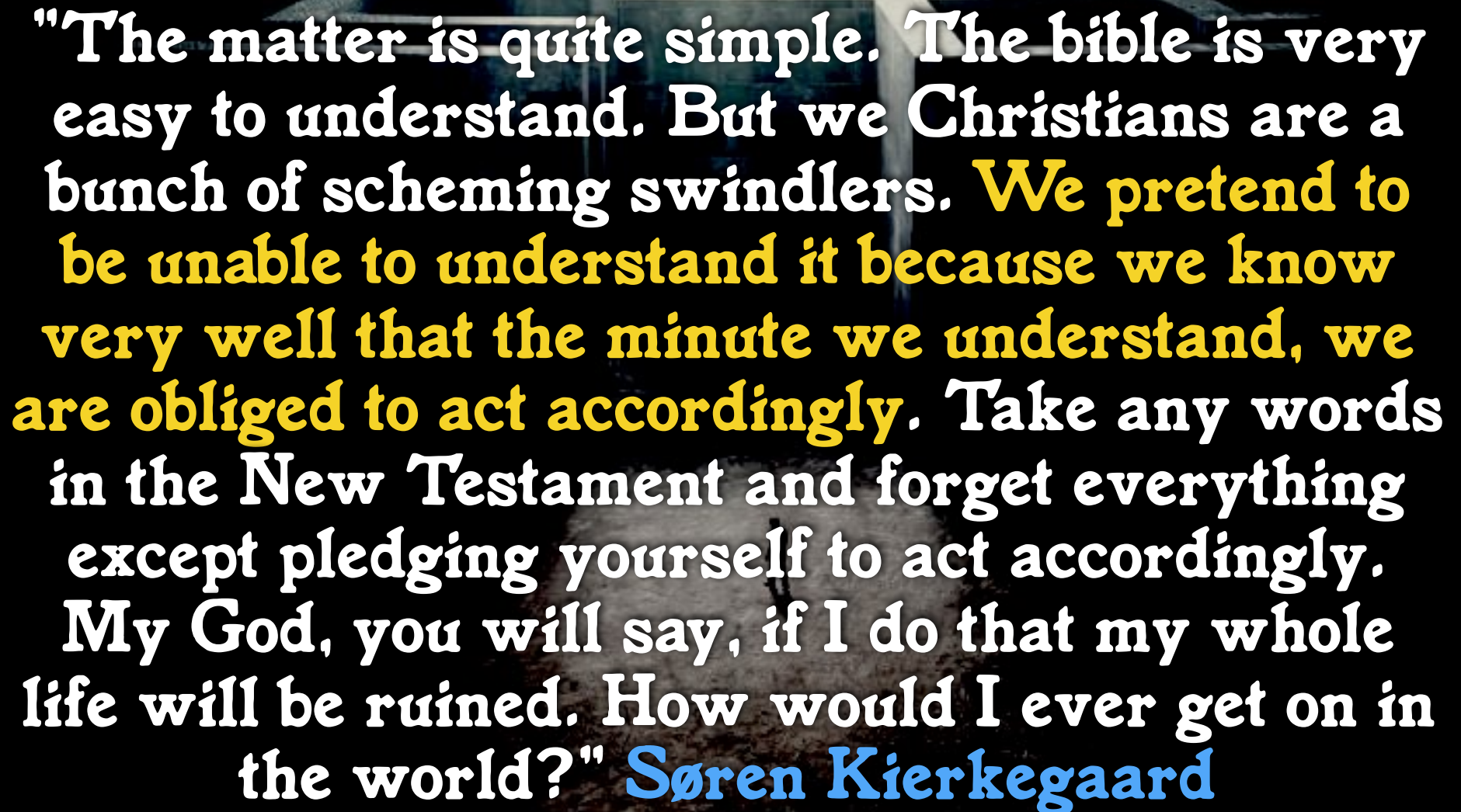
going 50 miles per hour, it will take me 100
hours to cover 5000 miles.

going 500 miles per hour, it will take me 10
hours to cover 5000 miles.

The Formula for Maturity

A person is standing in the center of a large, dark maze. A bright beam of light illuminates the path leading to the person, creating a strong contrast with the surrounding shadows. The maze is composed of high, dark walls that form a complex network of paths and dead ends. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and challenging.

study x application = maturity



"The matter is quite simple. The bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. **We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly. Take any words in the New Testament and forget everything except pledging yourself to act accordingly. My God, you will say, if I do that my whole life will be ruined. How would I ever get on in the world?" **Søren Kierkegaard****

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because **you no longer try to understand**. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! **Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness**. But solid food is for the mature, **who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.**

Hebrews 5:11-14