

— *Ecclesiastes* —

# LIFE UNDER THE SUN

The Pursuit of Meaning







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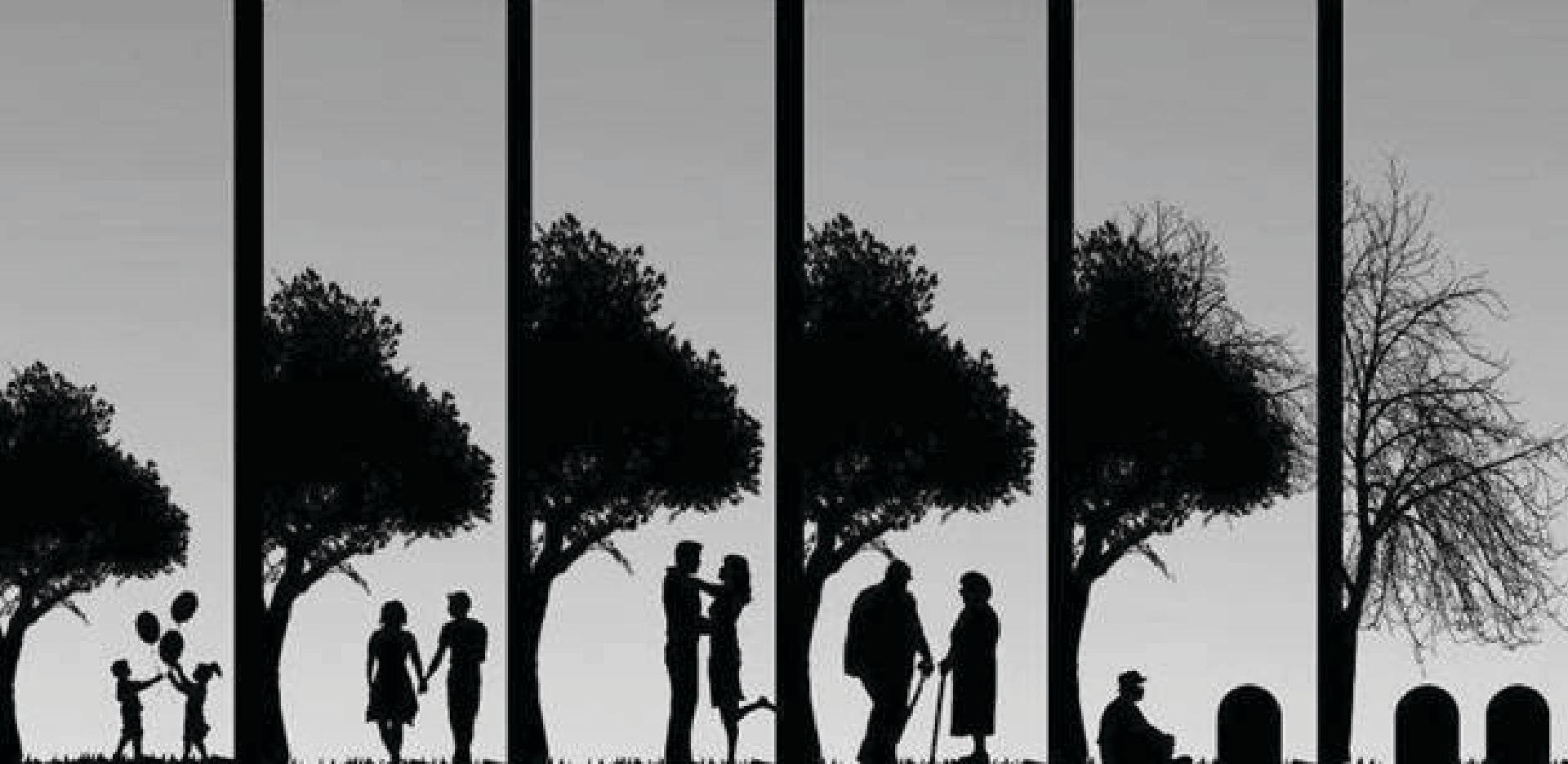
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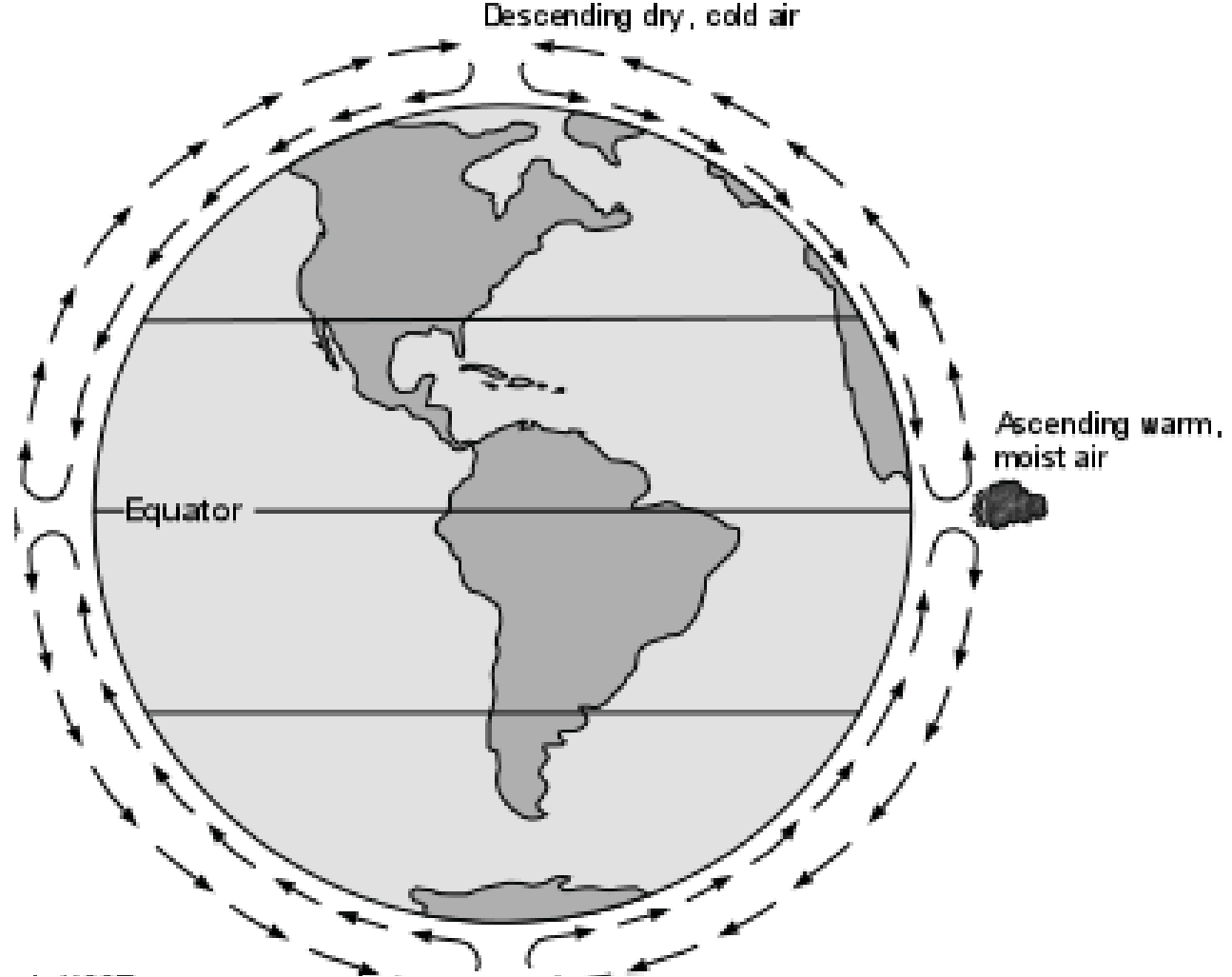
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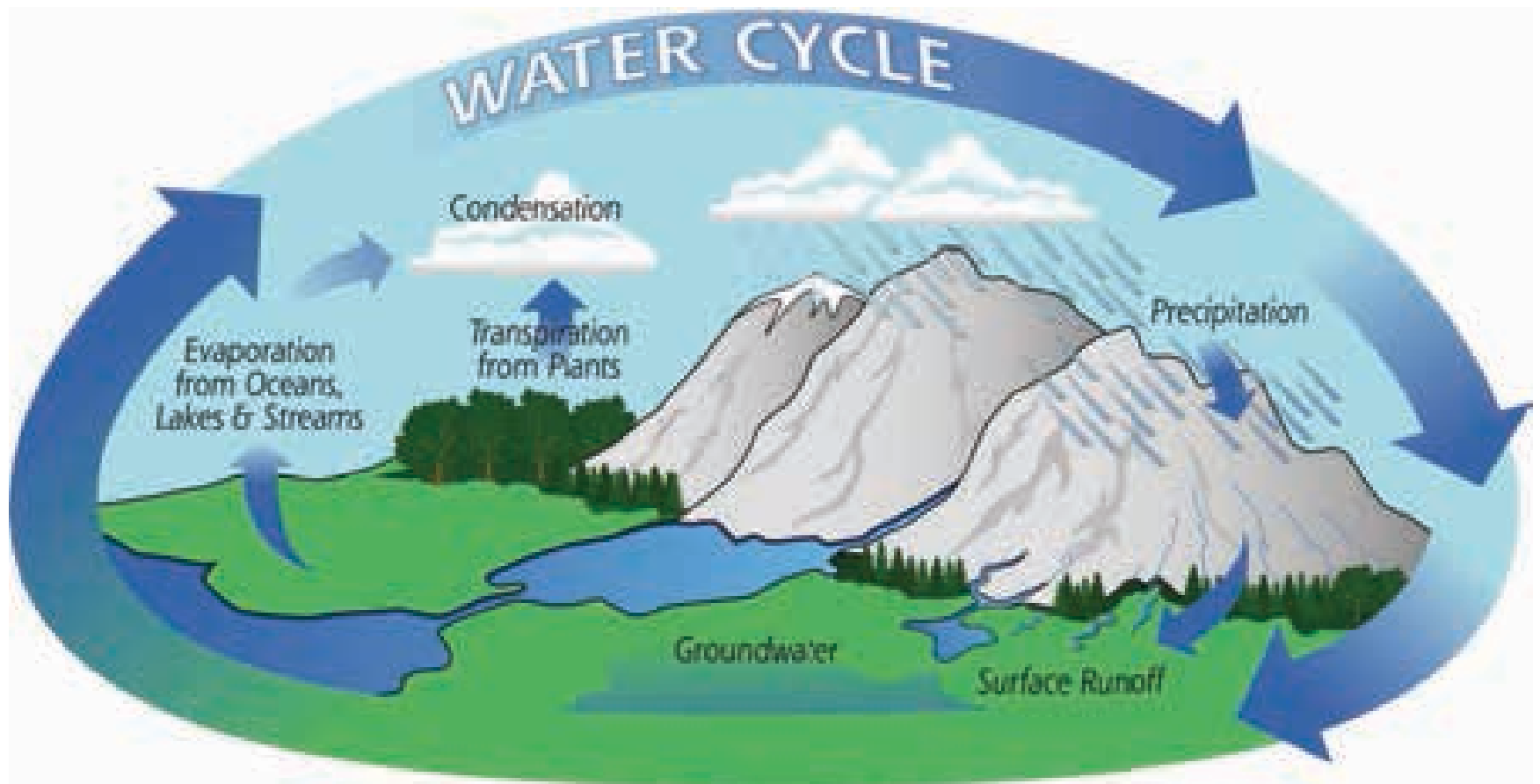


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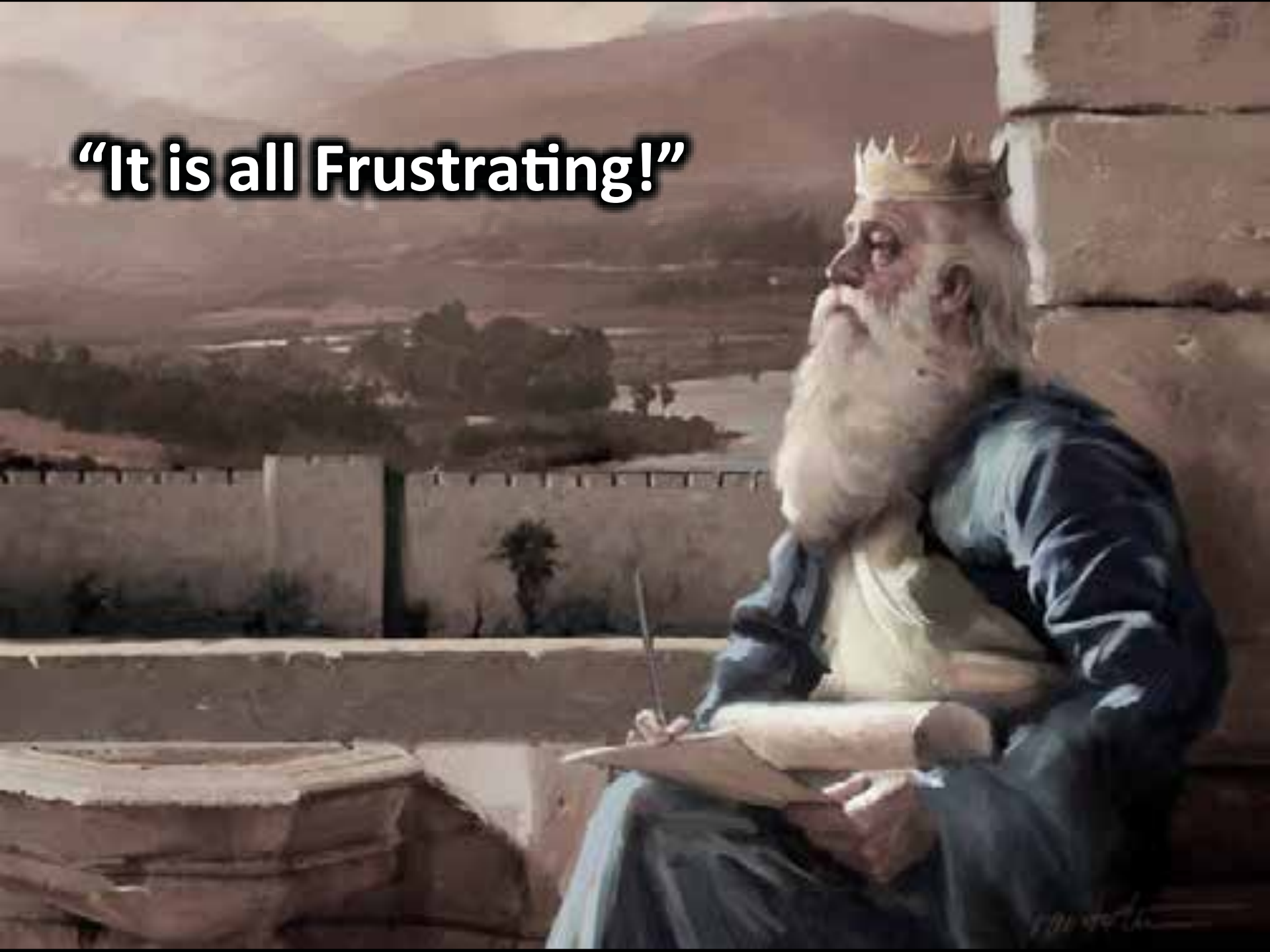
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Today, everybody expects to be entertained,  
and they expect to be entertained all the time. . . .

Everyone must be amused, or they will switch:  
switch brands, switch channels, switch parties, switch loyalties.

This is the intellectual reality of Western society  
at the end of the century. In other centuries, human beings  
wanted to be saved, or improved, or freed, or educated.

But in our century, they want to be entertained.  
The great fear is not of disease or death, but of boredom.  
A sense of time is on our hands, a sense of nothing to do.

A sense that we are not amused.

Michael Crichton, *Timeline*

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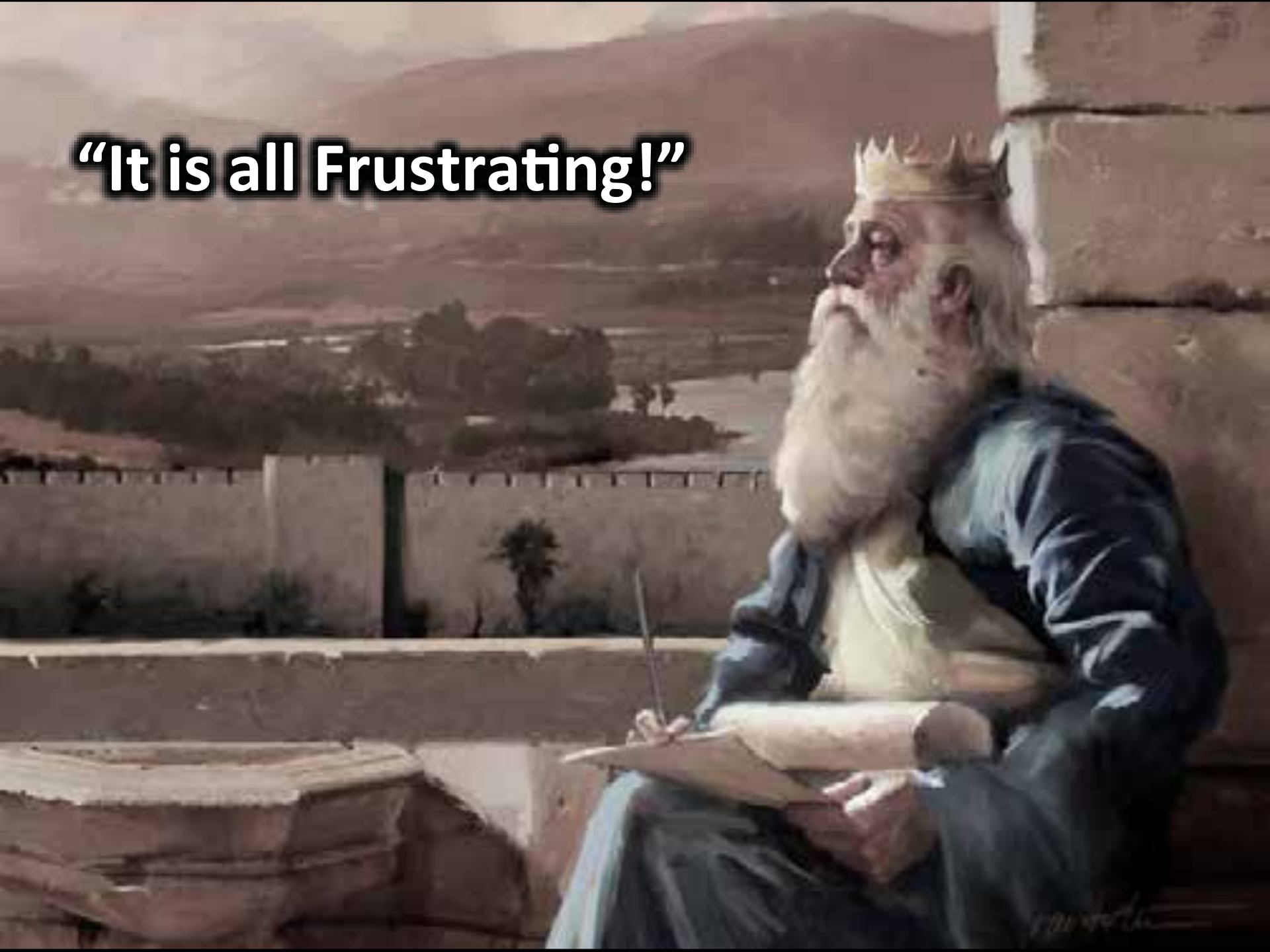
**What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is  
what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.  
Is there a thing of which it is said,  
“See, this is new”?  
It has been already in the ages before us.  
(Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 ESV)**



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**“It is all Forgotten!”**



**There is no remembrance  
of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance  
of later things yet to be  
among those who come after.  
(Ecclesiastes 1:11 ESV)**





“The world will lament you for an hour  
and forget you forever.”

Mark Twain

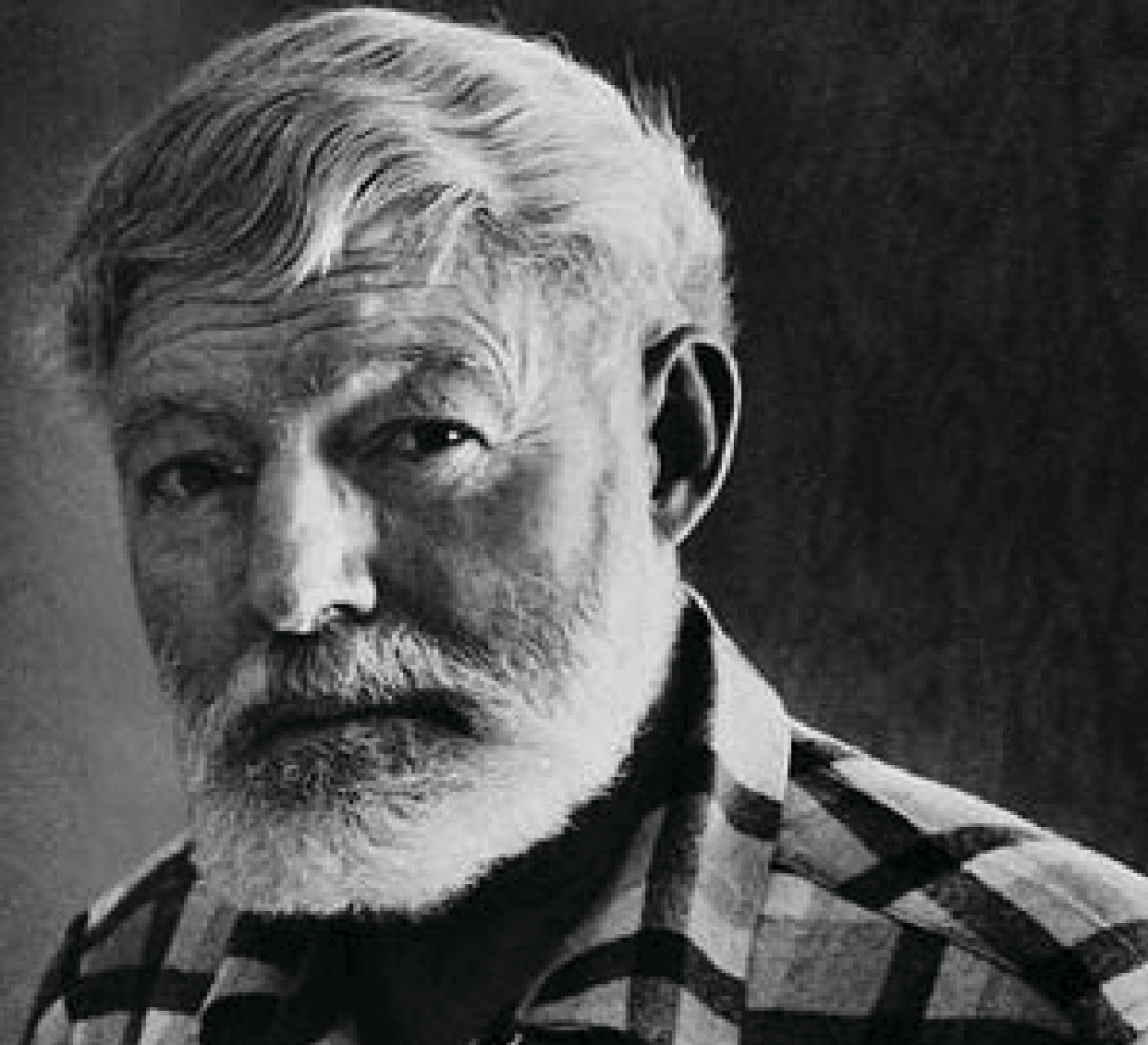
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“I live in a vacuum that is as lonely as a radio tube when the batteries are dead and there is no current to plug into.”



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The Circle of Life



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Jesus Christ  
(John 10:10)

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*For to me to live is Christ,  
and to die is gain.*

Apostle Paul  
(Phi 1:21)

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*Therefore, my beloved brothers,  
be steadfast, immovable, always abounding  
in the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord  
your labor is not in vain.*

Apostle Paul  
(1Cor 15:58)

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*I came that they may have life  
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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd  
lays down his life for the sheep.*

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