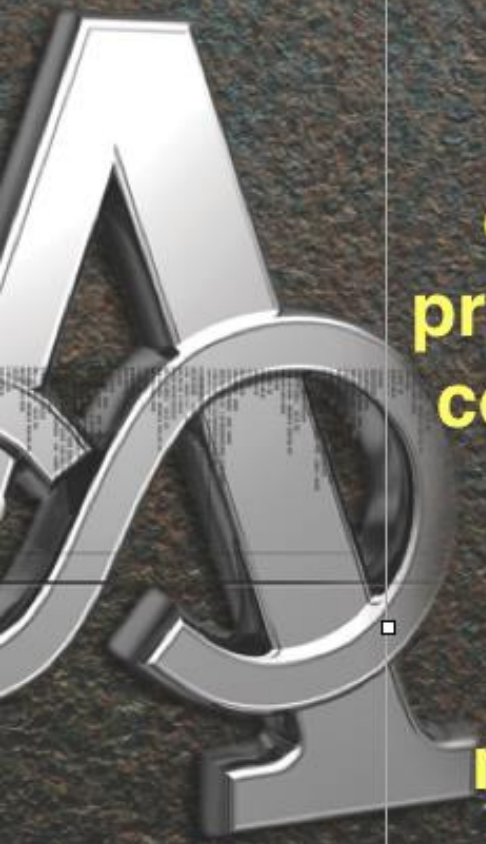
Is God Immoral

Richard Dawkins



The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filiacidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.

Christopher Hitchens

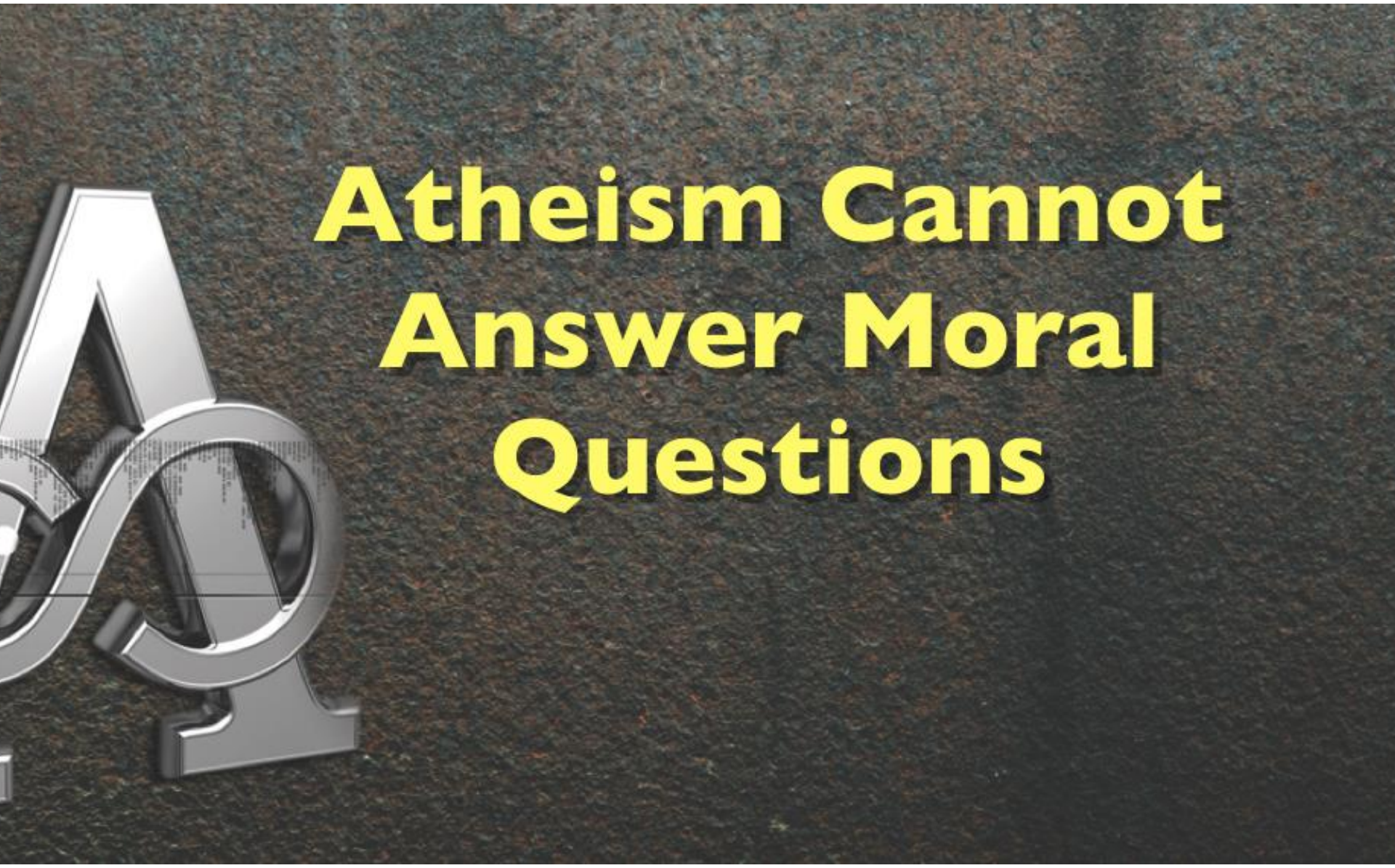
God is "an evil monster," whose actions and instructions in the Old Testament caused "the ground" to be "forever soaked with the blood of the innocent."

god Is Not Great, 2007, pp. 107, 248

Dan Barker

There is not enough space to mention all of the places in the bible where God committed, commanded or condoned murder.

Godless, p. 177


Atheism Cannot
Answer Moral
Questions

William Provine

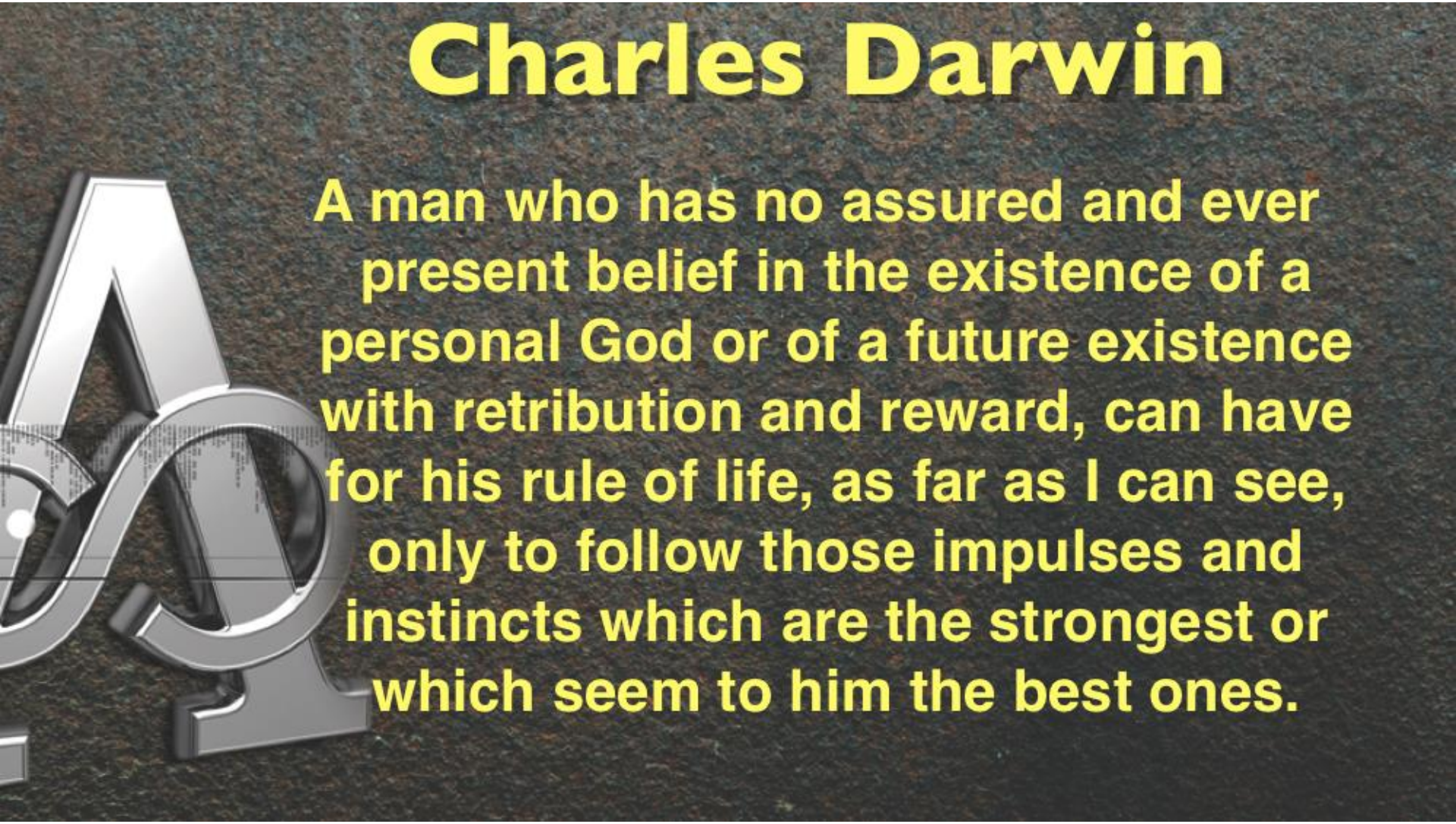
Naturalistic evolution has clear consequences that Charles Darwin understood perfectly. 1) No gods worth having exist; 2) no life after death exists; 3) no ultimate foundation for ethics exists; 4) no ultimate meaning in life exists; 5) human freewill is non existent.

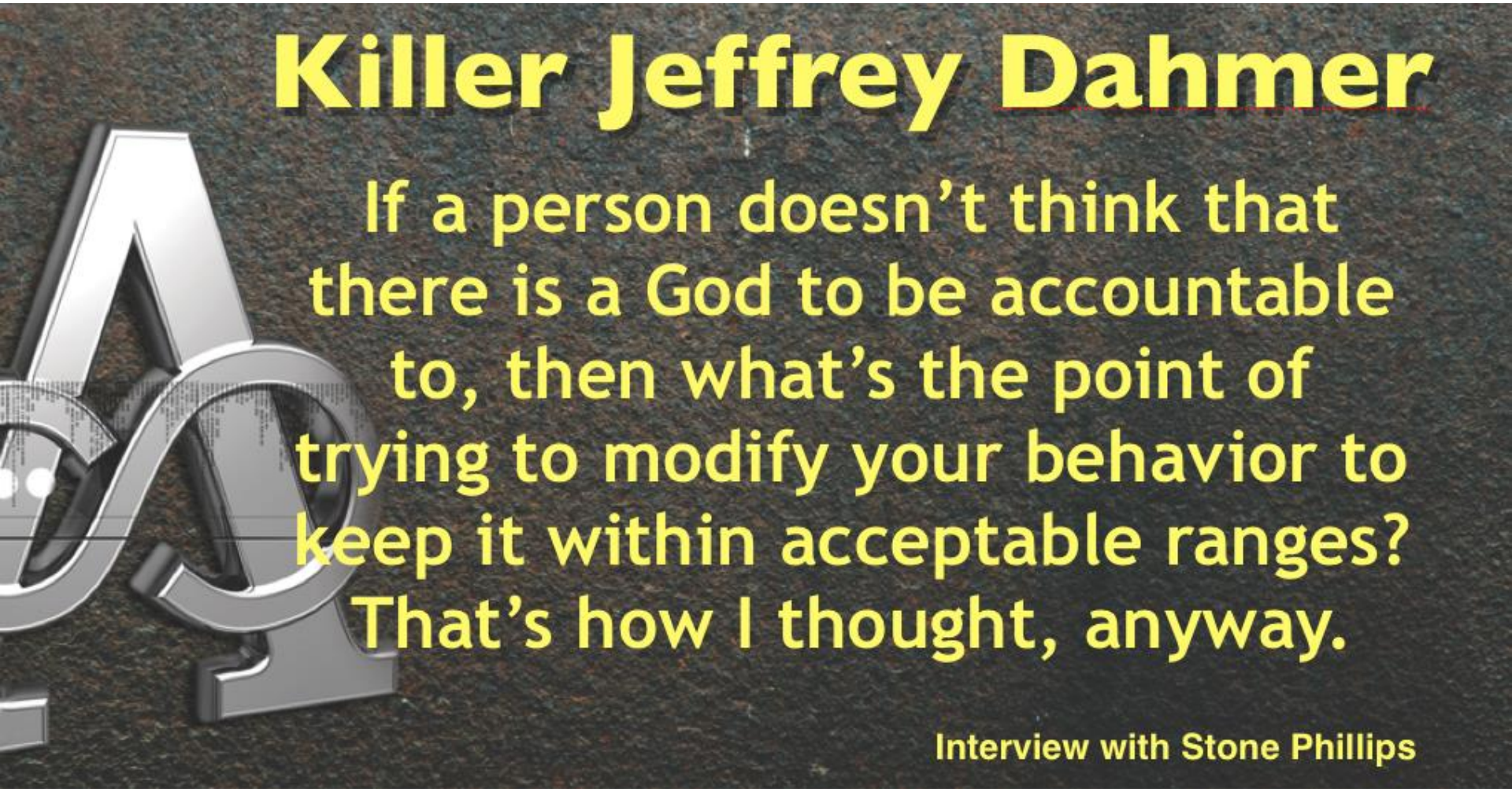
Darwin Day Address, 1998, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dan Barker

There are no actions, in and of themselves, that are always absolutely right or wrong. It depends on the context. You cannot name an action that is always absolutely right or wrong. I can think of an exception in every case.

Debate with Peter Payne, 2005

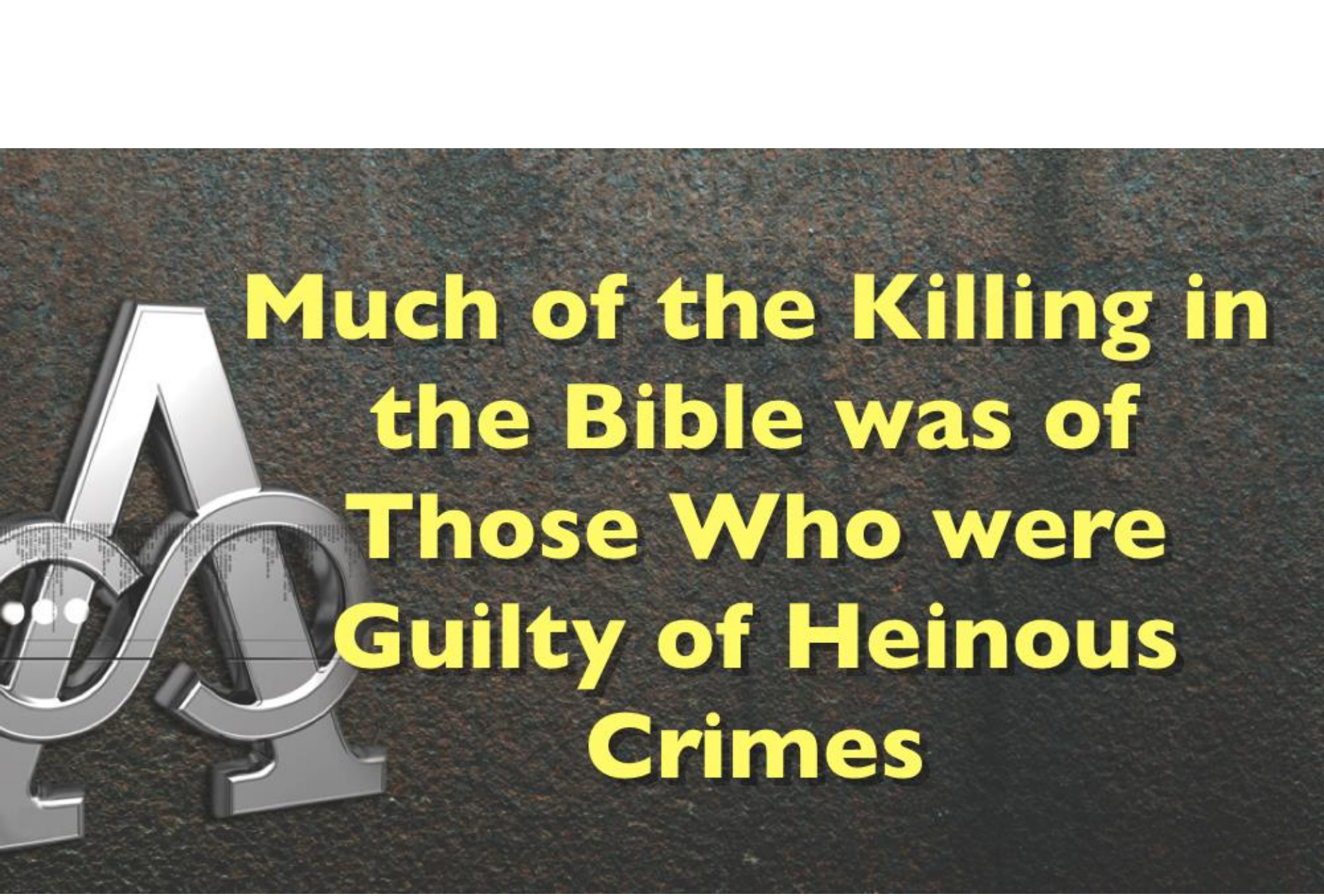

Charles Darwin
A man who has no assured and ever present belief in the existence of a personal God or of a future existence with retribution and reward, can have for his rule of life, as far as I can see, only to follow those impulses and instincts which are the strongest or which seem to him the best ones.


Killer Jeffrey Dahmer
If a person doesn't think that there is a God to be accountable to, then what's the point of trying to modify your behavior to keep it within acceptable ranges? That's how I thought, anyway.
Interview with Stone Phillips

Friederick Nietzche

We believe that severity, violence, slavery, danger in the street and in the heart, secrecy, stoicism, tempter's art and devilry of every kind—that everything wicked, terrible, tyrannical, predatory, and serpentine in man, serves as well for the elevation of the human species as its opposite.

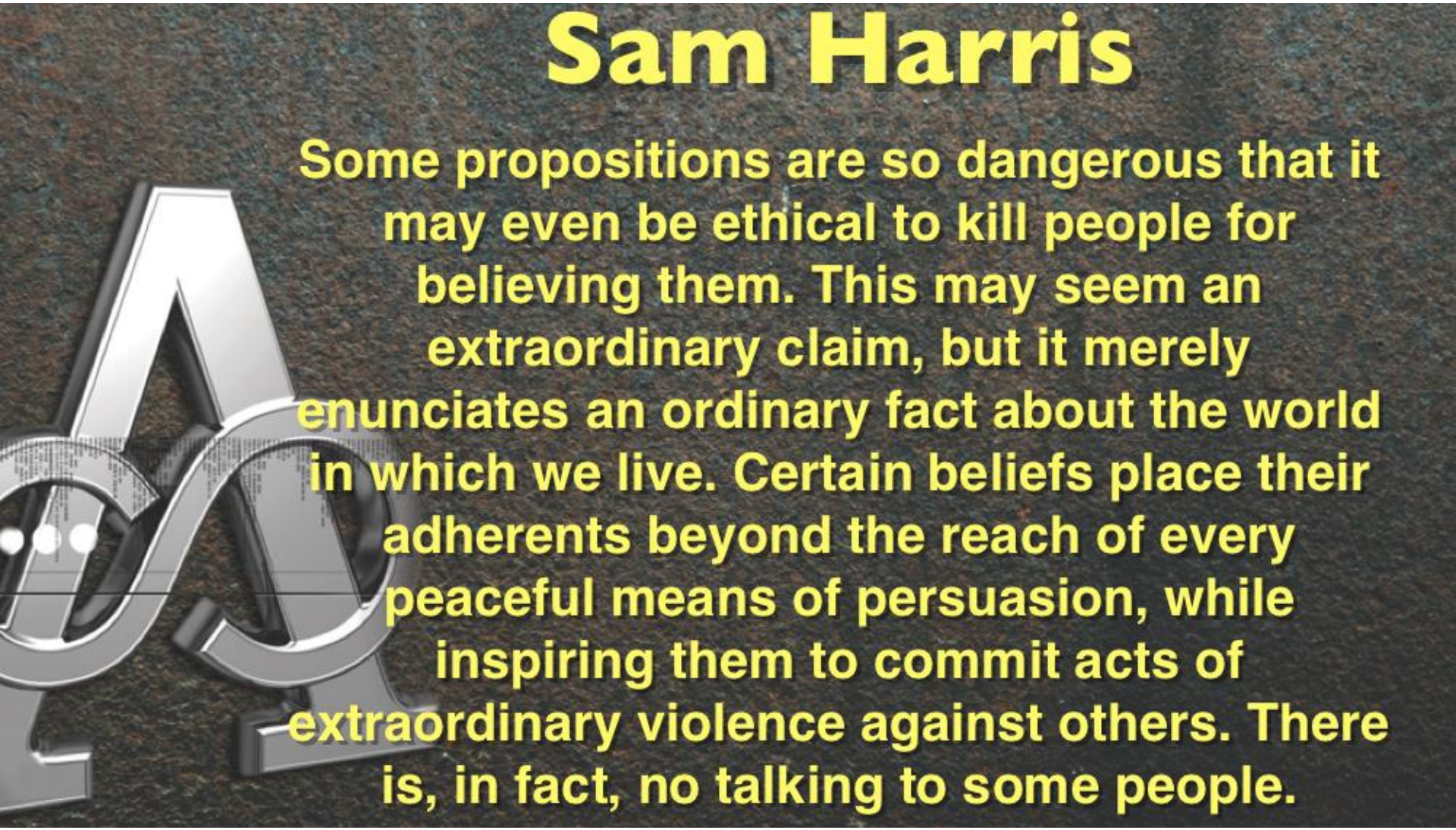
Beyond Good and Evil

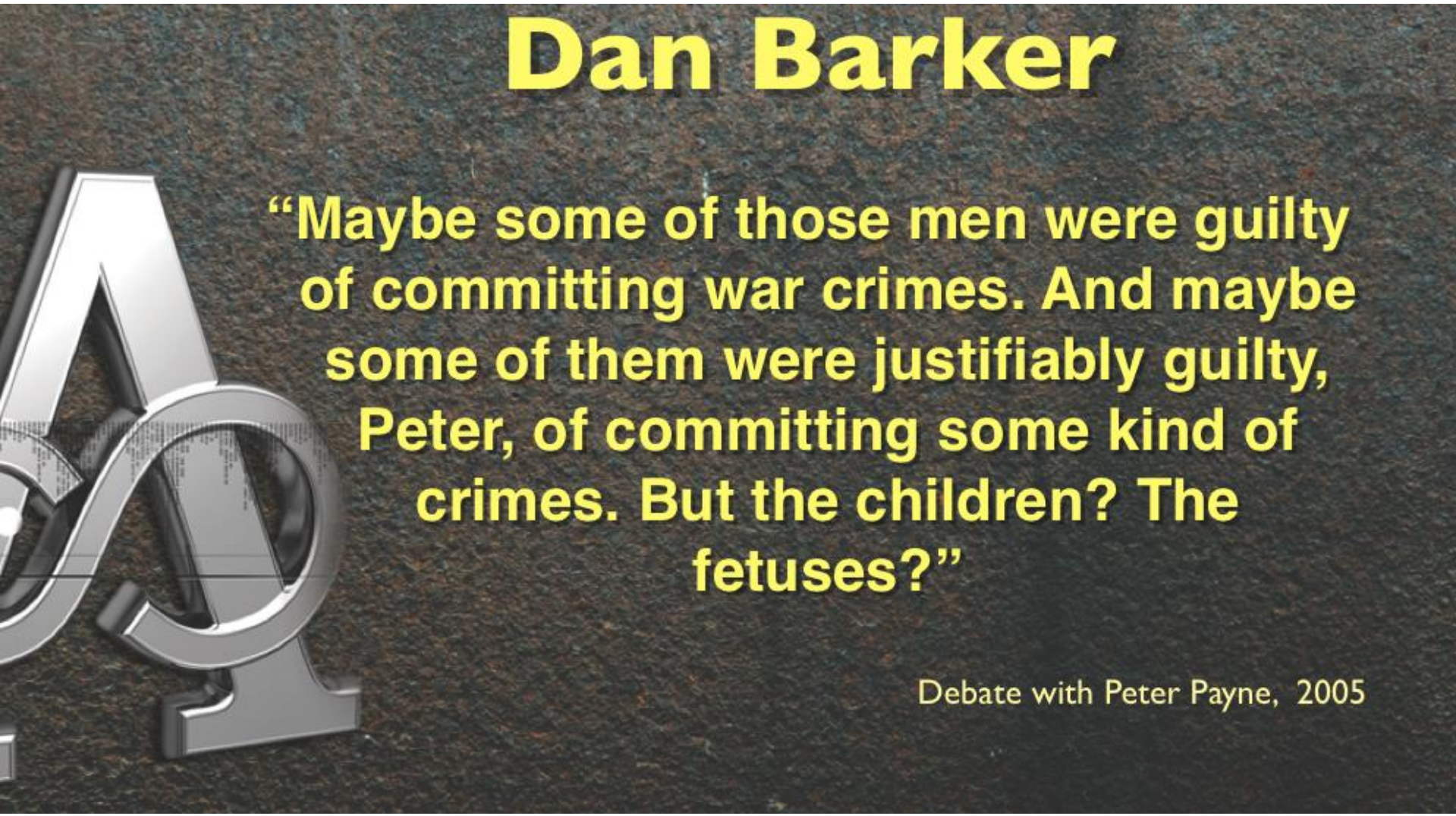

Much of the Killing in the Bible was of Those Who were Guilty of Heinous Crimes

Leviticus 18:21-24

And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech…. Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.

Jeremiah 32:35
And they built they high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into my mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.


Sam Harris
Some propositions are so dangerous that it may even be ethical to kill people for believing them. This may seem an extraordinary claim, but it merely enunciates an ordinary fact about the world in which we live. Certain beliefs place their adherents beyond the reach of every peaceful means of persuasion, while inspiring them to commit acts of extraordinary violence against others. There is, in fact, no talking to some people.


Dan Barker
"Maybe some of those men were guilty of committing war crimes. And maybe some of them were justifiably guilty, Peter, of committing some kind of crimes. But the children? The fetuses?"
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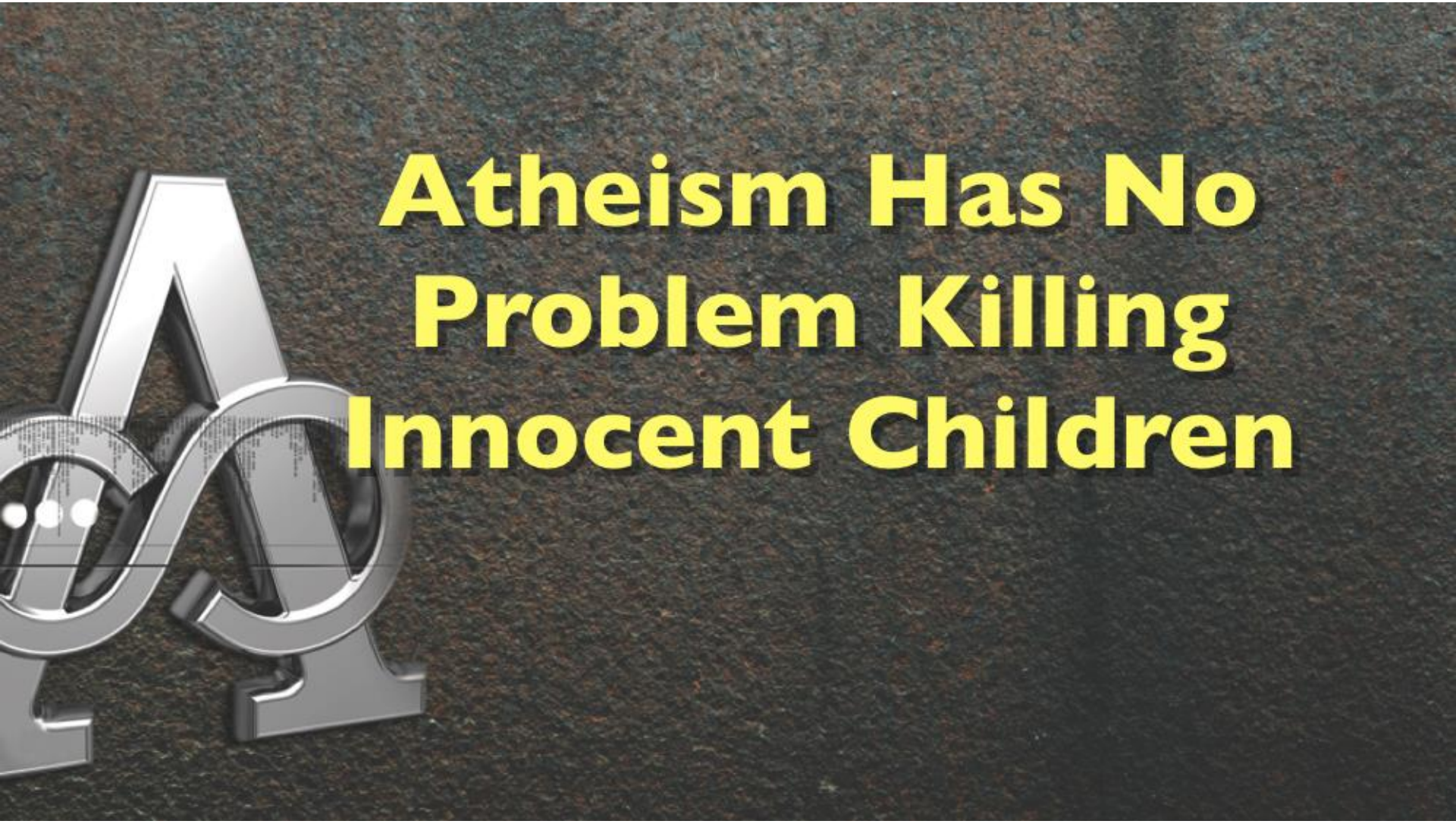
Atheism Has No
Problem Killing
Innocent Children

Peter Singer

If we compare a severely defective human infant with a nonhuman animal, a dog or a pig, for example, we will often find the nonhuman to have superior capacities.... Only the fact that the defective infant is a member of the species *Homo sapiens* [Human] leads it to be treated differently from the dog or pig. Species membership alone, however, is not morally relevant.... If we can put aside the obsolete and erroneous notion of the sanctity of all human life, we may start to look at human life as it really is...

Peter Singer

That a fetus is known to be disabled is widely accepted as a ground for abortion. Yet in discussing abortion, we say that birth does not mark a morally significant dividing line. I cannot see how one could defend the view that fetuses may be "replaced" before birth, but newborn infants may not.

Writings on an Ethical Life, p. 191

Peter Singer

If disabled newborn infants were not regarded as having a right to life until, say, a week or a month after birth it would allow parents, in consultation with their doctors, to choose on the basis of far greater knowledge of the infant's condition than is possible before birth.

Writings on an Ethical Life, p. 193

Peter Singer

Nevertheless the main point is clear: killing a disabled infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Very often it is not wrong at all.

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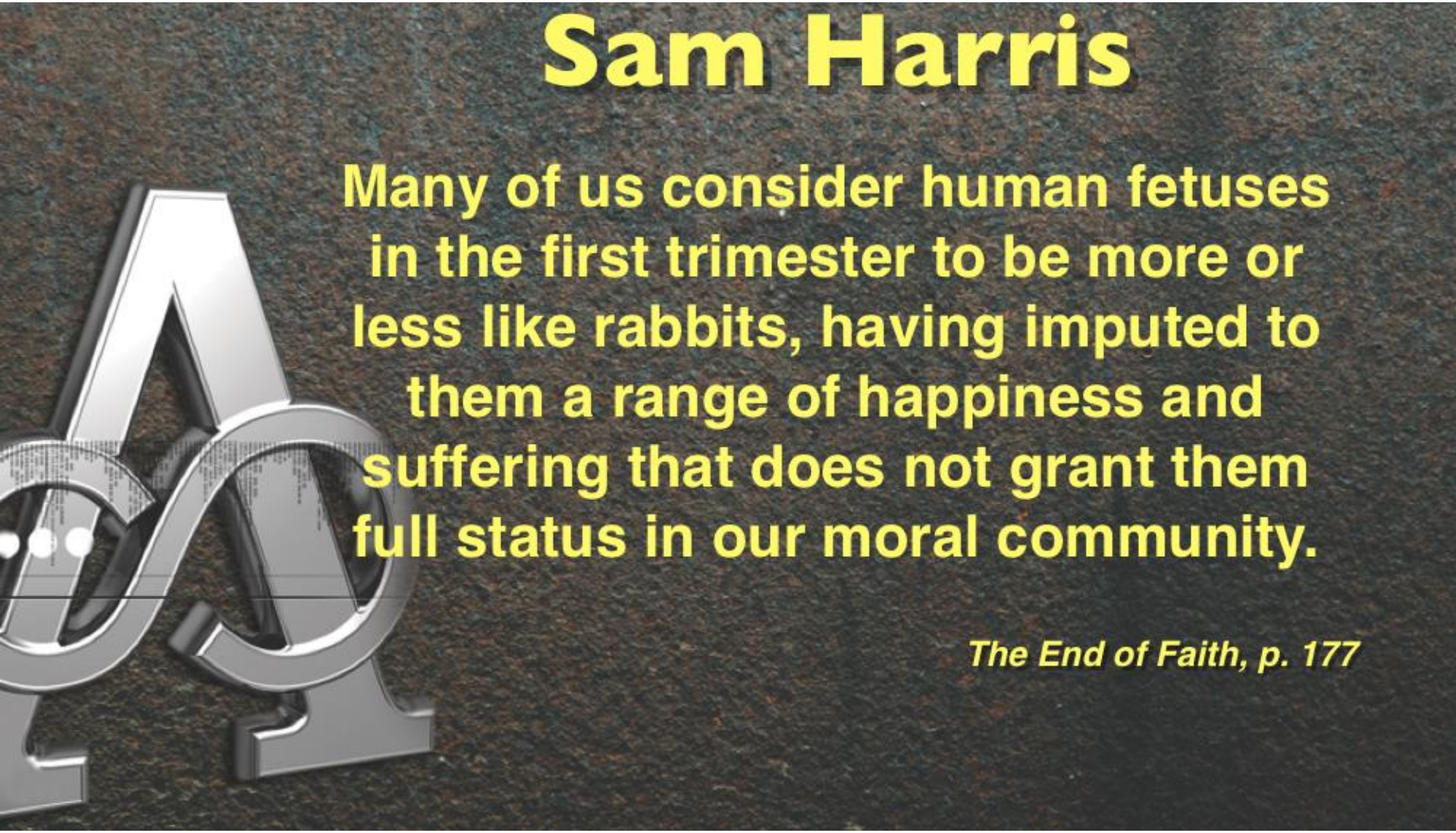
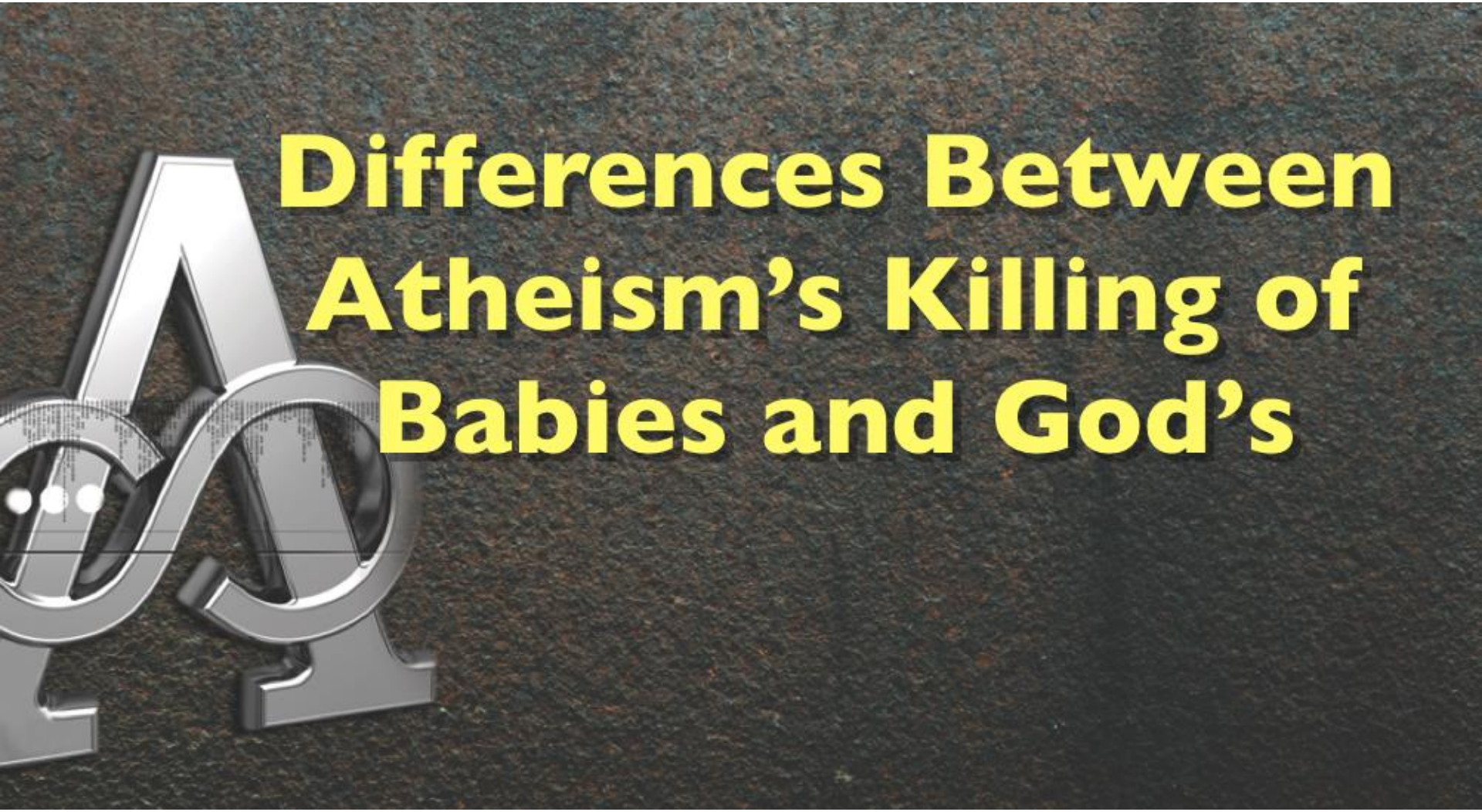
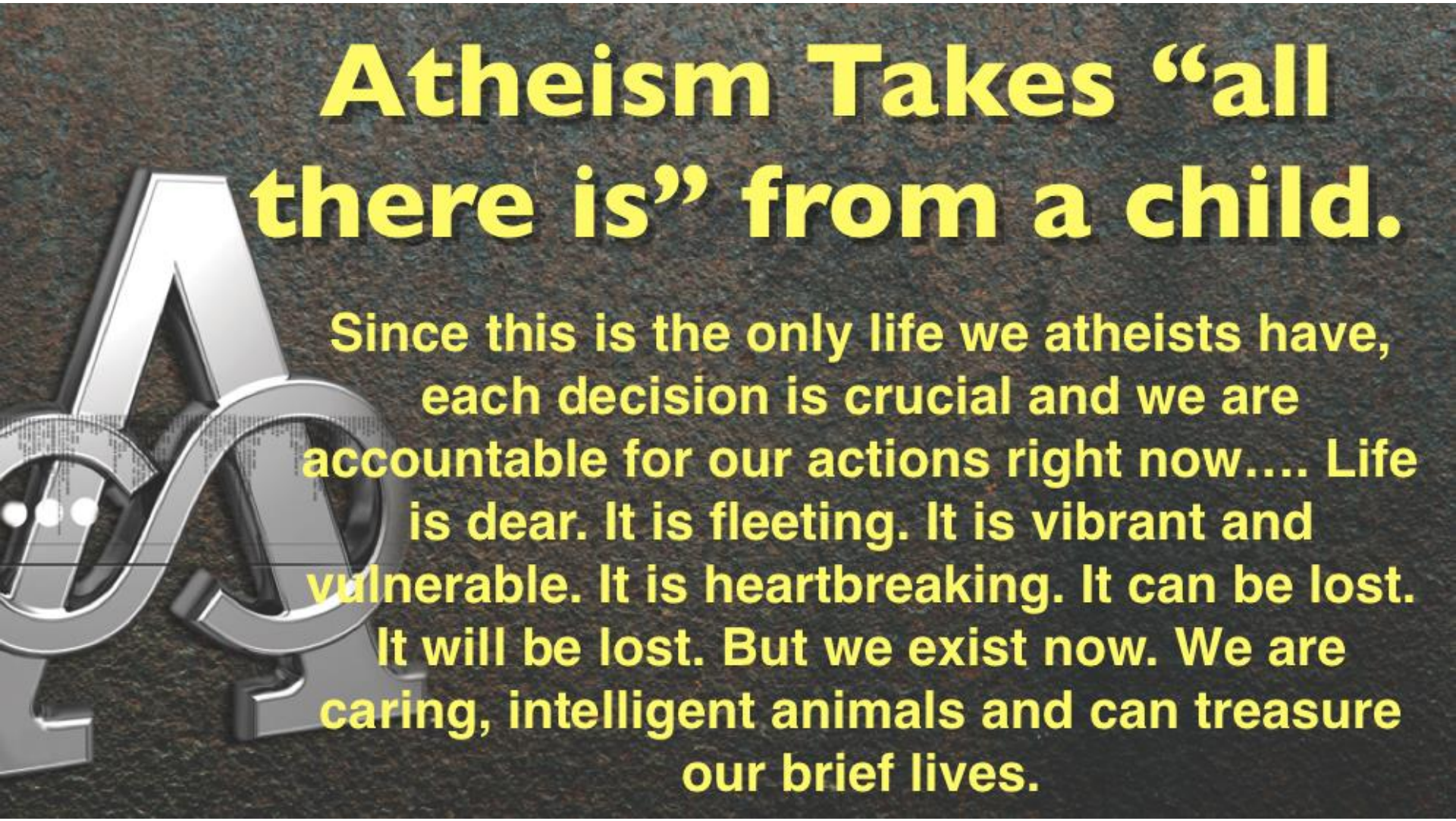
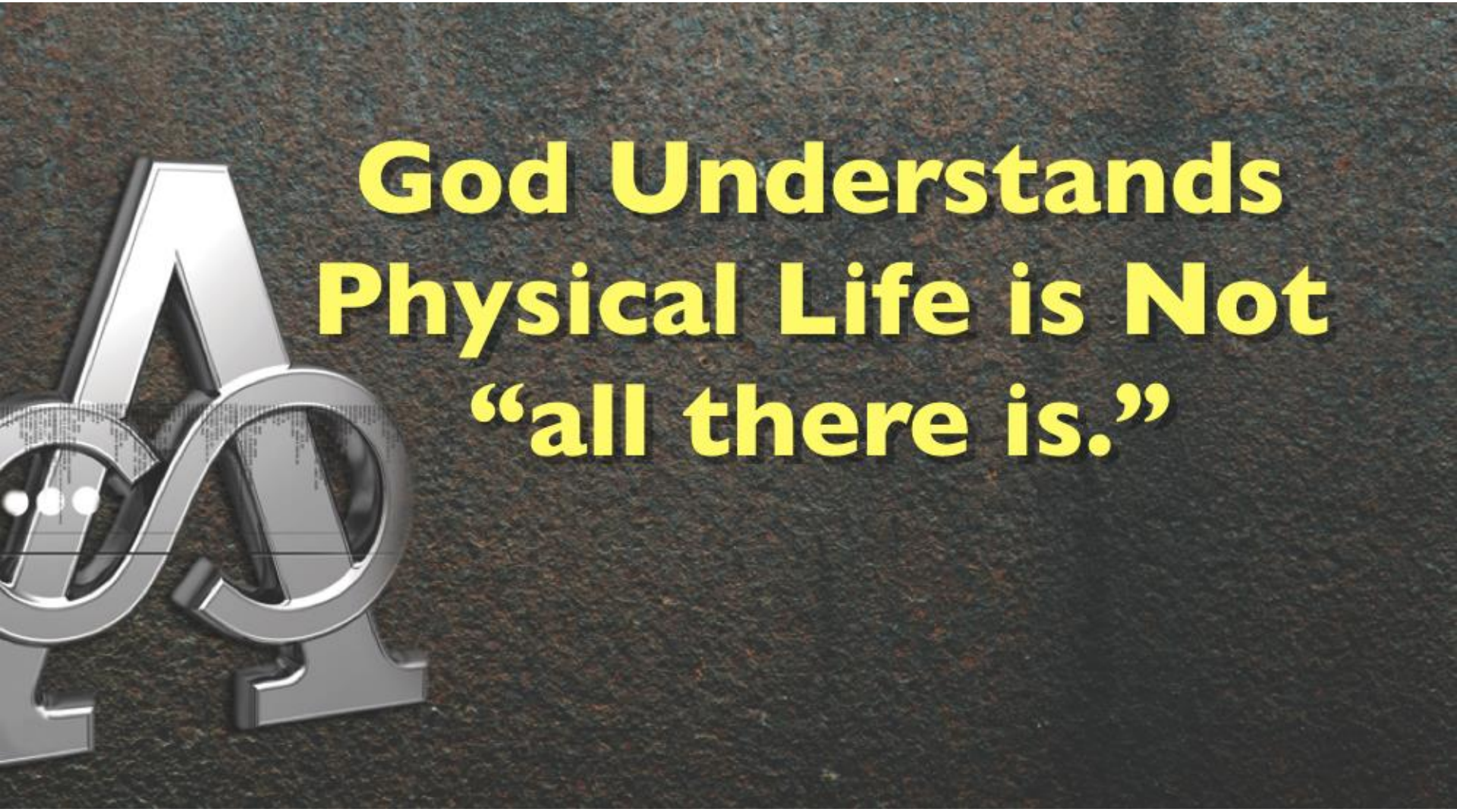

Sam Harris
Many of us consider human fetuses in the first trimester to be more or less like rabbits, having imputed to them a range of happiness and suffering that does not grant them full status in our moral community.
The End of Faith, p. 177


Differences Between
Atheism's Killing of
Babies and God's


Atheism Takes “all there is” from a child.
Since this is the only life we atheists have, each decision is crucial and we are accountable for our actions right now…. Life is dear. It is fleeting. It is vibrant and vulnerable. It is heartbreaking. It can be lost. It will be lost. But we exist now. We are caring, intelligent animals and can treasure our brief lives.


God Understands
Physical Life is Not
“all there is.”

Matthew 16:26

For What profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Sometimes Death
is Better than
Physical Life

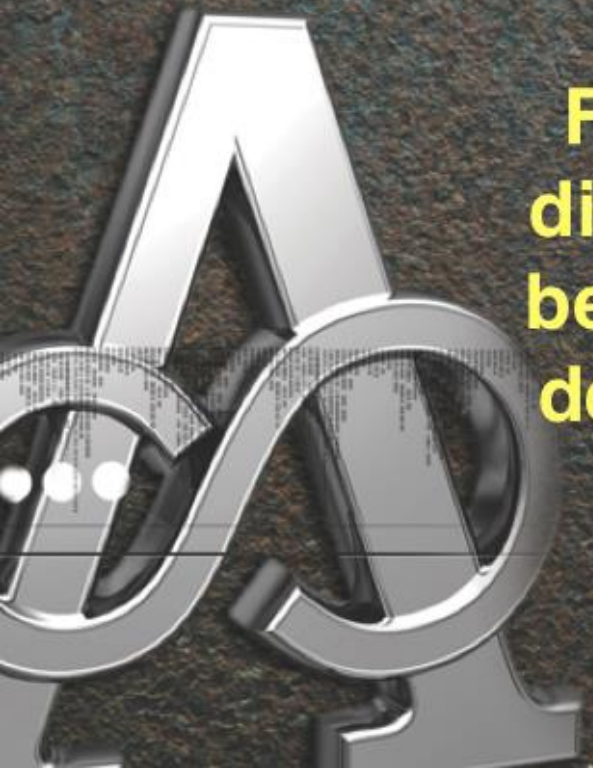
Isaiah 57:1-2

The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil. He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

Psalm 116:15

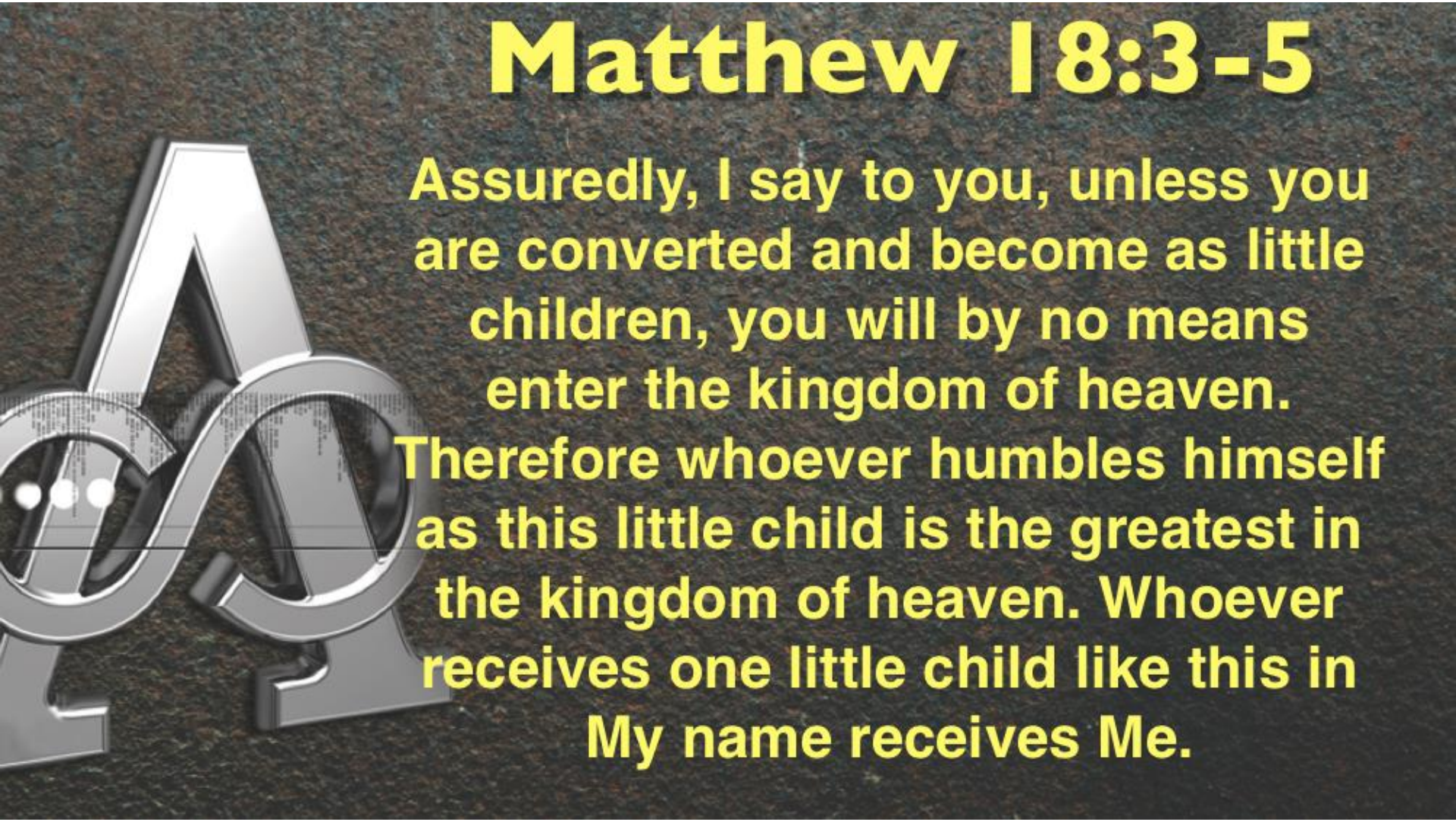
Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of His saints.

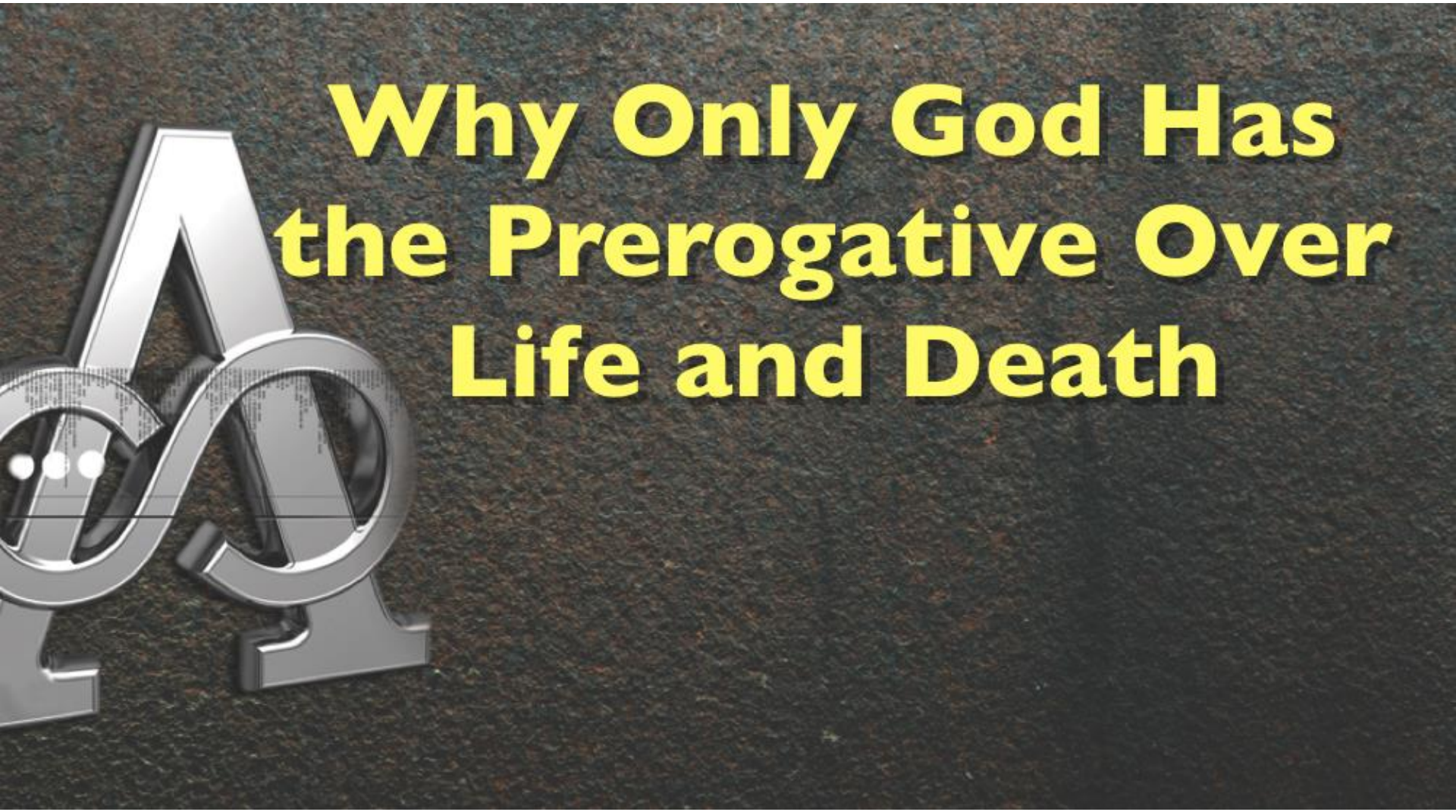
Philippians 1:21ff



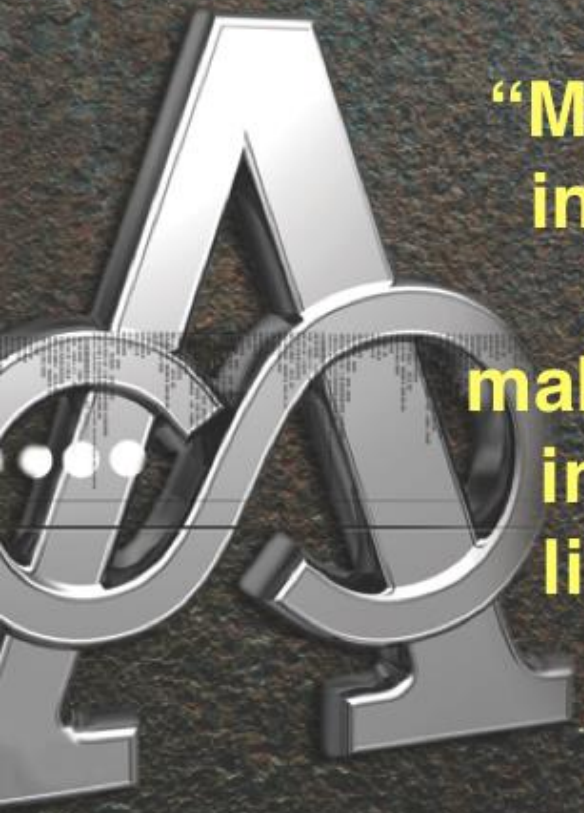
For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.... For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

Little Children
Go To Heaven
When They Die


Matthew 18:3-5
Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

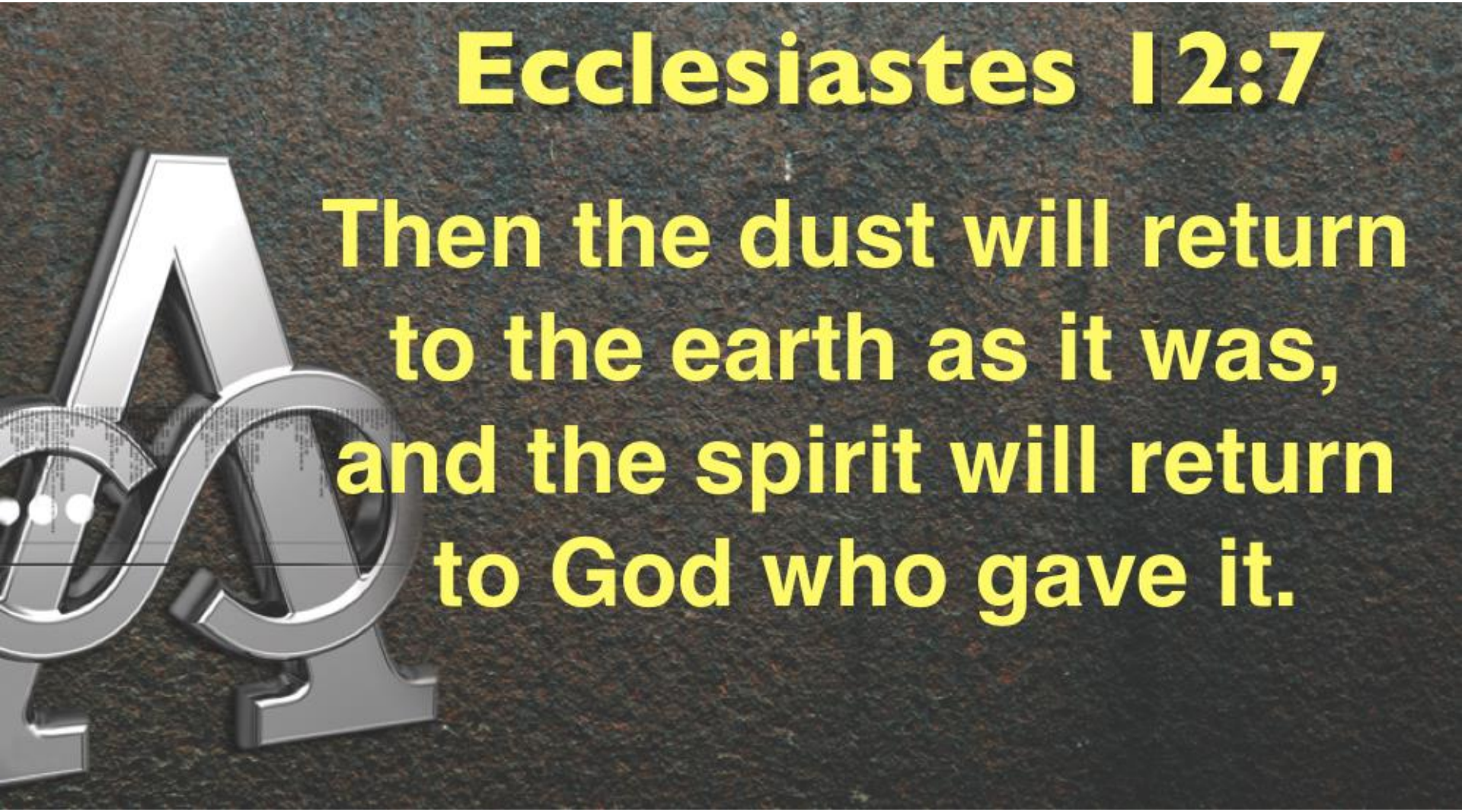

Why Only God Has
the Prerogative Over
Life and Death

Dan Barker



"Morality is simply acting with the intention to minimize harm." He stated that the way to avoid making moral mistakes is to "be as informed as possible about the likely consequences of actions being considered."

Godless, p. 207


Ecclesiastes 12:7
Then the dust will return
to the earth as it was,
and the spirit will return
to God who gave it.