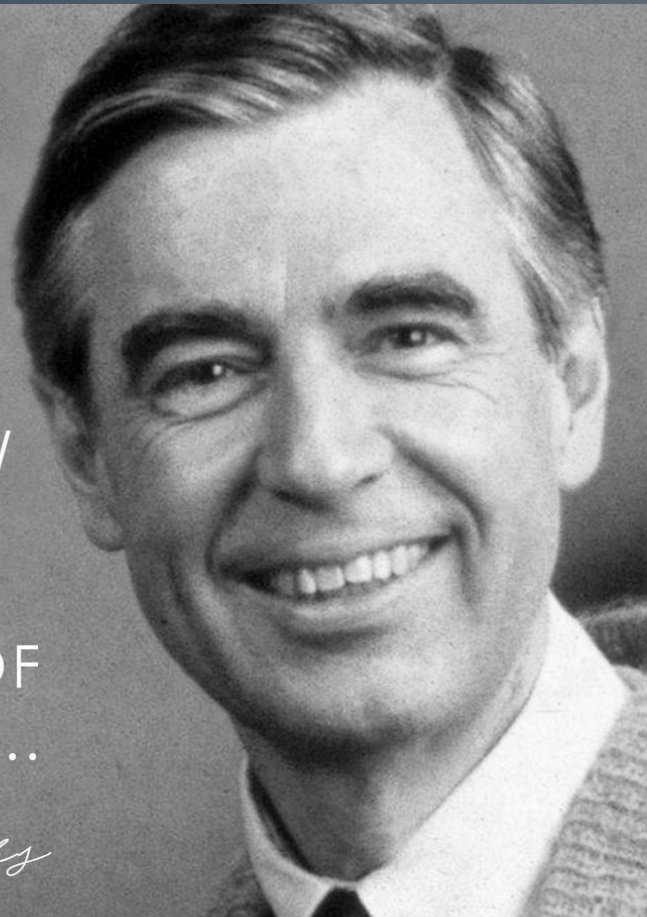


Competing views of humanity/reality

AS HUMAN
BEINGS, OUR
JOB IN LIFE
IS TO HELP
PEOPLE
REALIZE HOW
RARE AND
VALUABLE
EACH ONE OF
US REALLY IS...

Fred Rogers



*“Humans are cogs in the
machine”*



*This is now the second letter that I am
writing to you, beloved. In both of
them I am stirring up your sincere
mind by way of reminder,
2 Peter 3:1*



We more frequently need to be reminded than informed.



*Growth in Christlikeness is mostly
incremental.*

2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.



Scoffers, scoff



*The problem many have with God is
moral not intellectual.*

Uniformity of Cause and Effect in a Closed system.



8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



*God is a being of eternal nature and
enduring love.*



“In the beginning...”

Genesis 1:1

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.



11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,



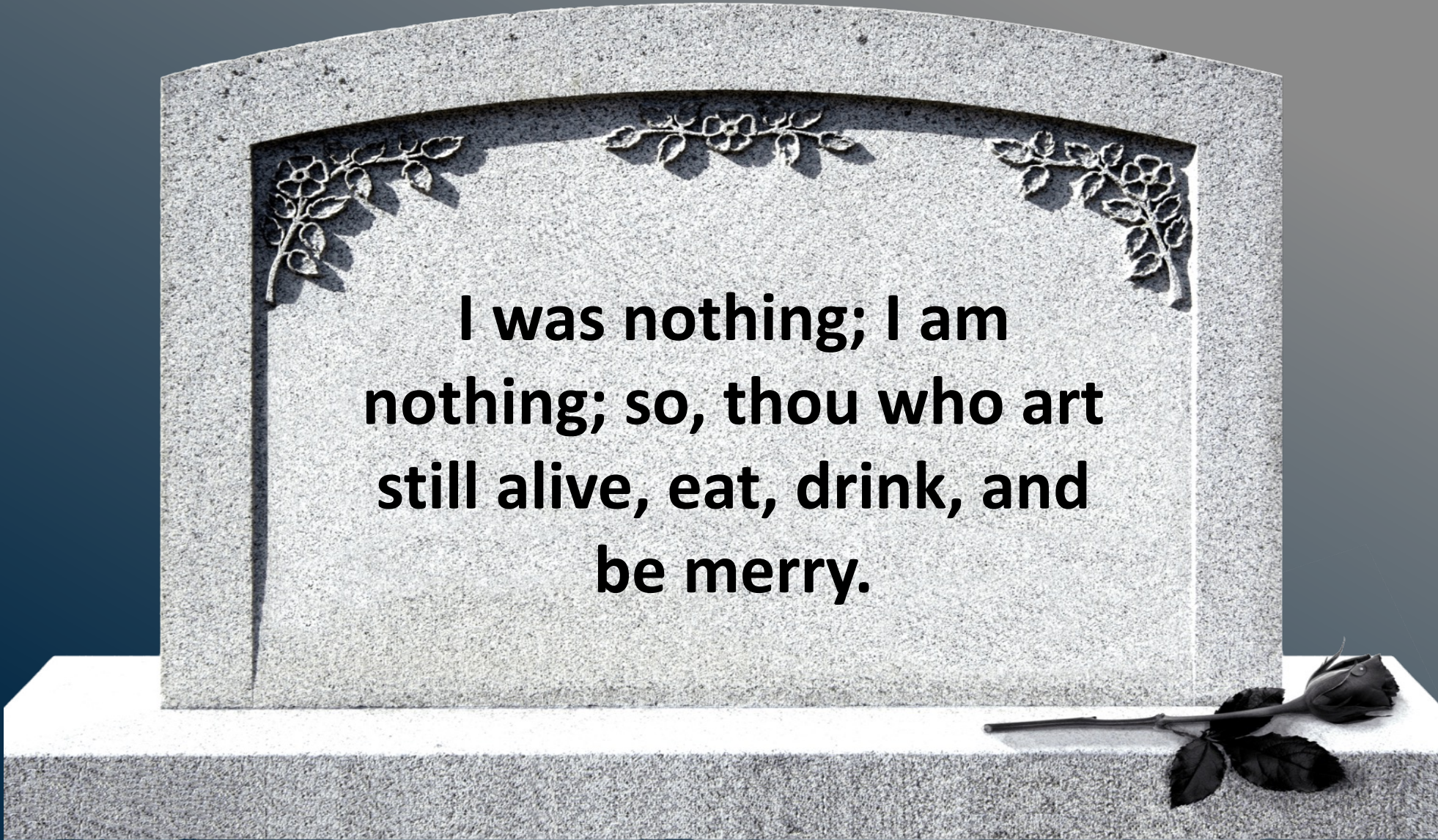
In the New Testament, the reality of the end always has moral implications.



"Therefore, stand firm, let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that you labor in the Lord is not in vain."

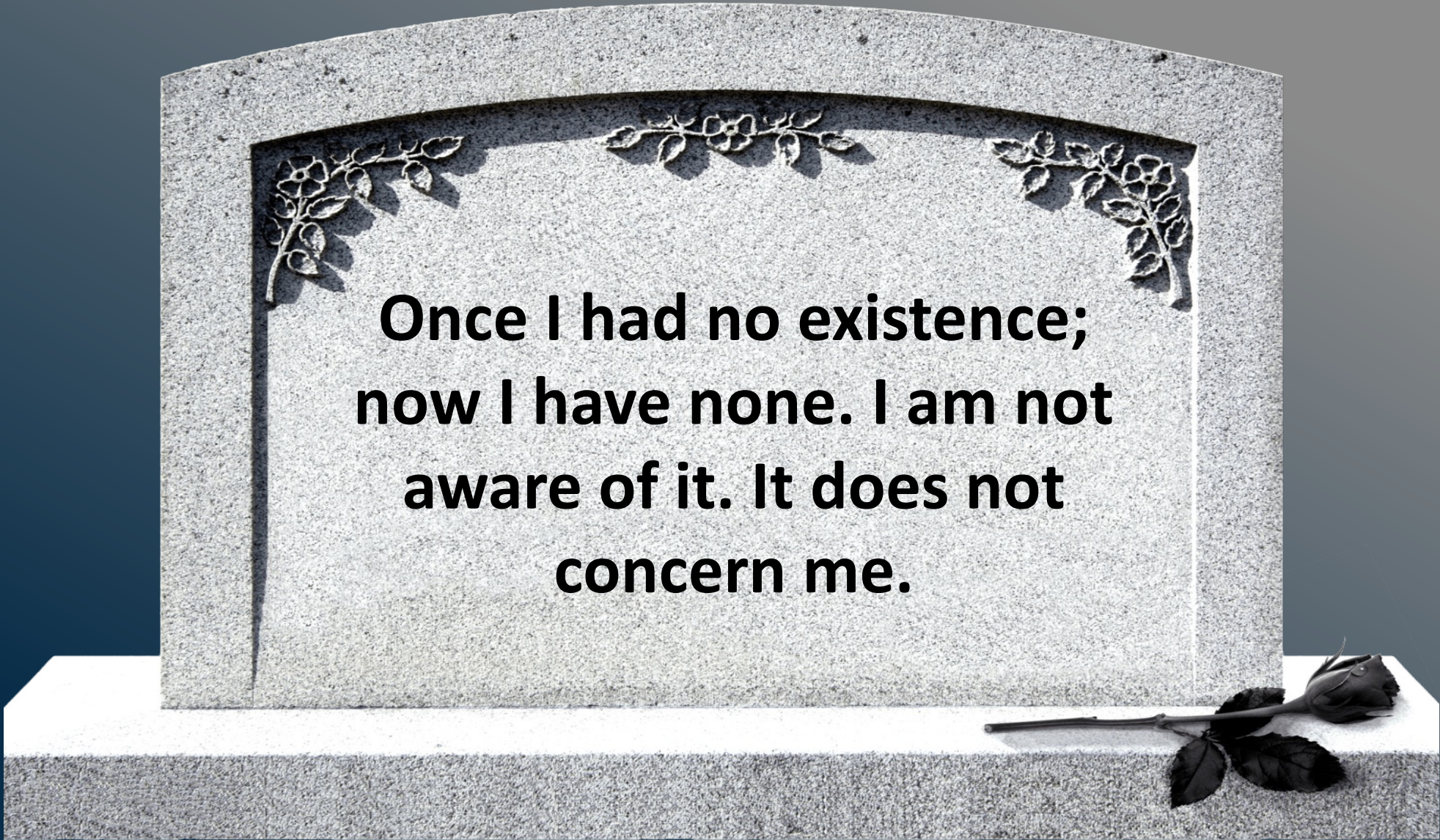
1 Corinthians 15:58



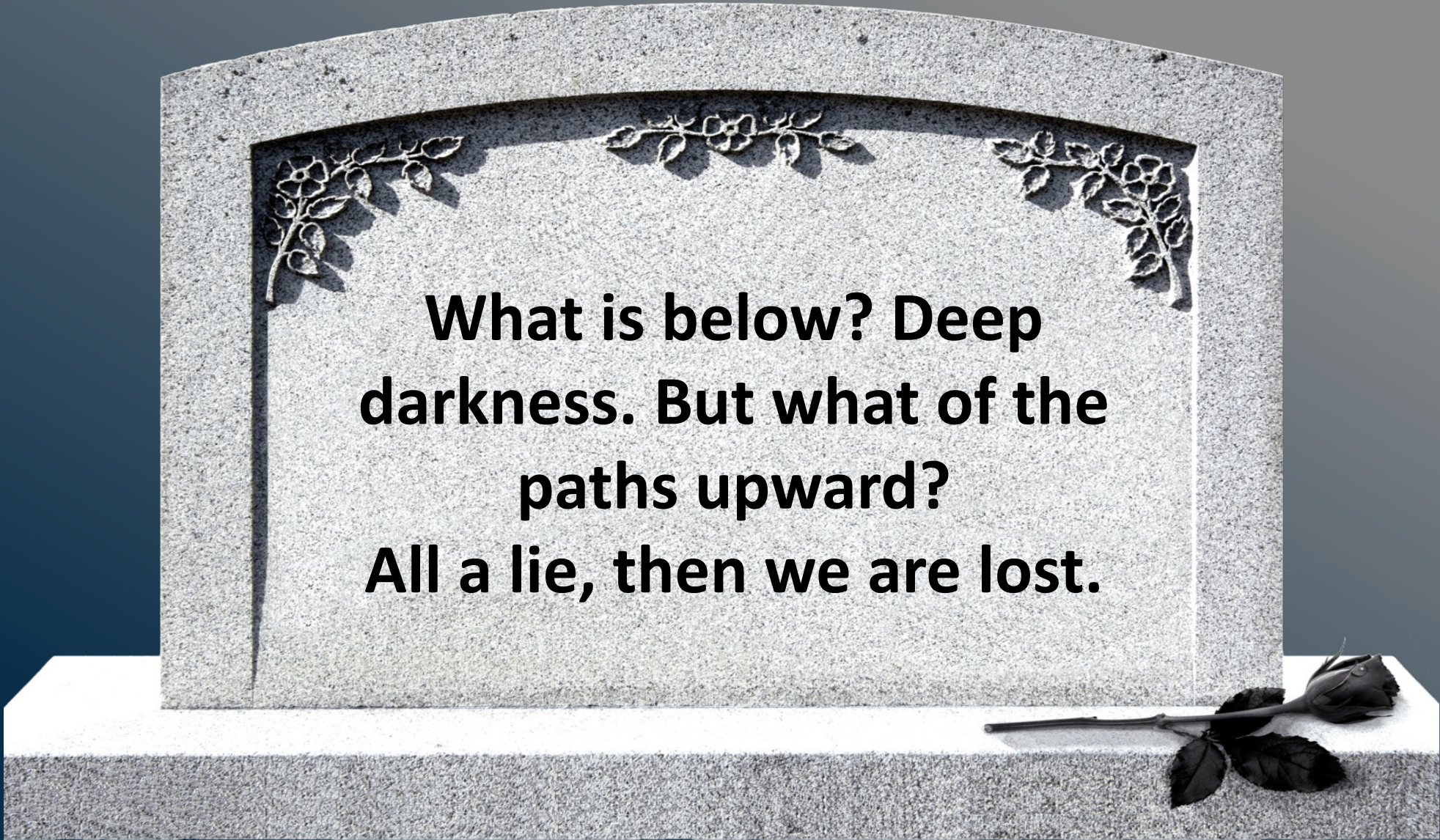


**I was nothing; I am
nothing; so, thou who art
still alive, eat, drink, and
be merry.**





**Once I had no existence;
now I have none. I am not
aware of it. It does not
concern me.**



**What is below? Deep
darkness. But what of the
paths upward?
All a lie, then we are lost.**



What sort of people ought you to be?

Uniformity of Cause and Effect in a Open system.





Psalm 90

“A prayer of Moses”