

¹ Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. ...

Revelation 21: 1-7

They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ...

Revelation 21:1-7

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Revelation 21:1-7

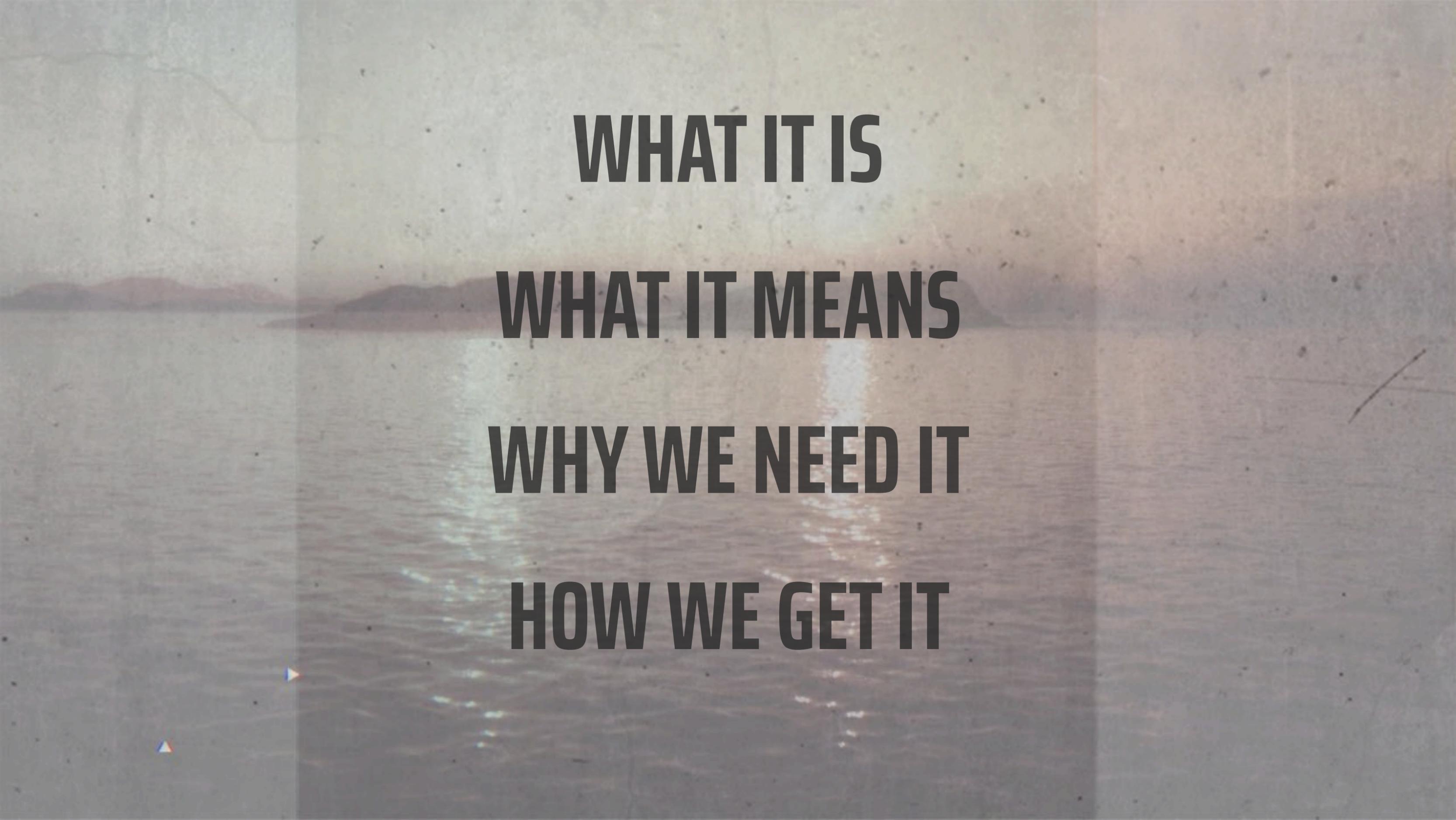
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Revelation

Hope for tomorrow... for today

"I wept when I was borne
And every day shews why."

George Herbert

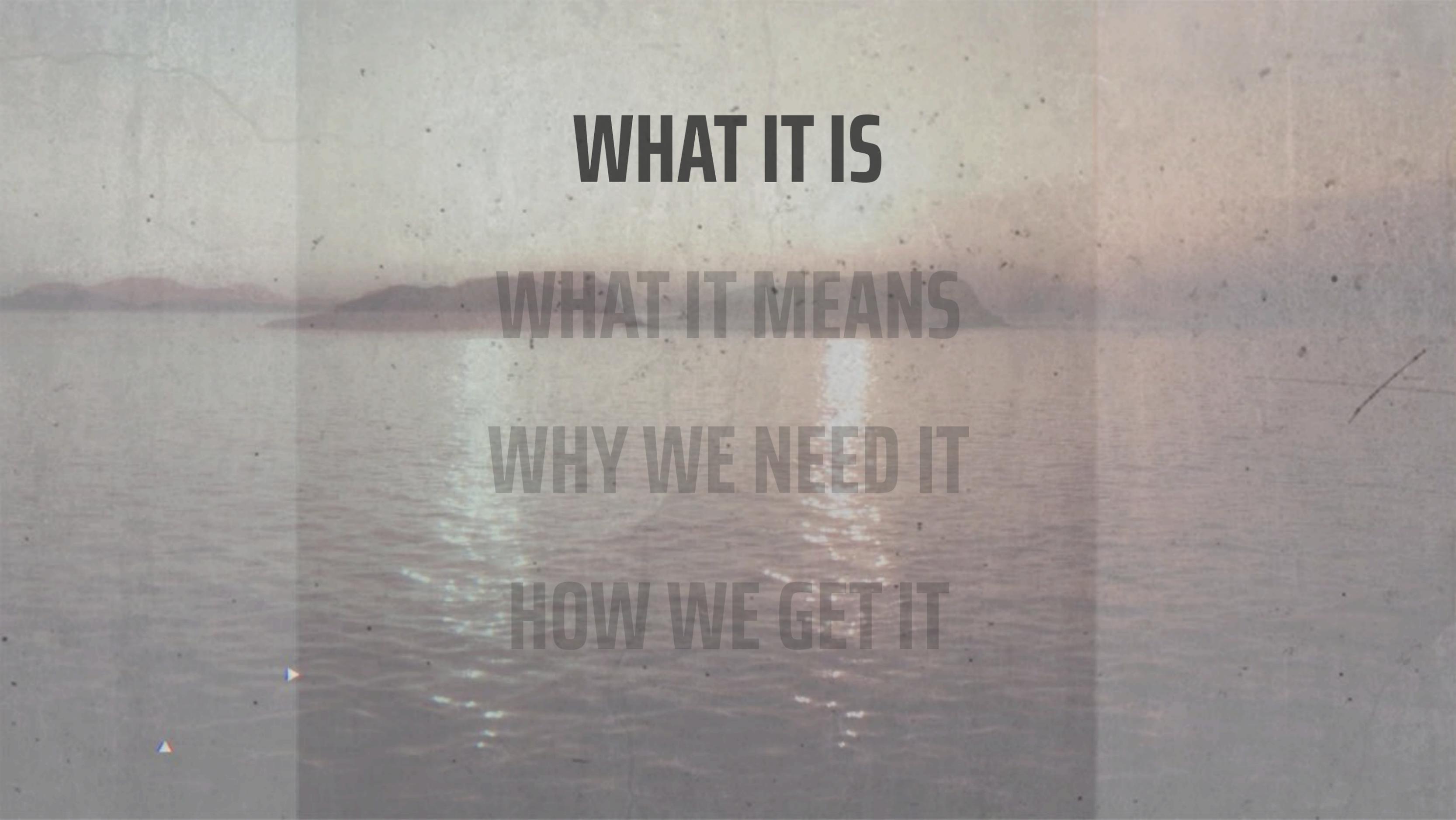


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See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

Isaiah 65 : 17

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

Micah 4 : 1-4

A vintage-style photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and the beach. In the distance, several people are walking along the shoreline, their figures silhouetted against the bright light. The overall mood is peaceful and nostalgic.

*What are the new heavens
and the new earth?*

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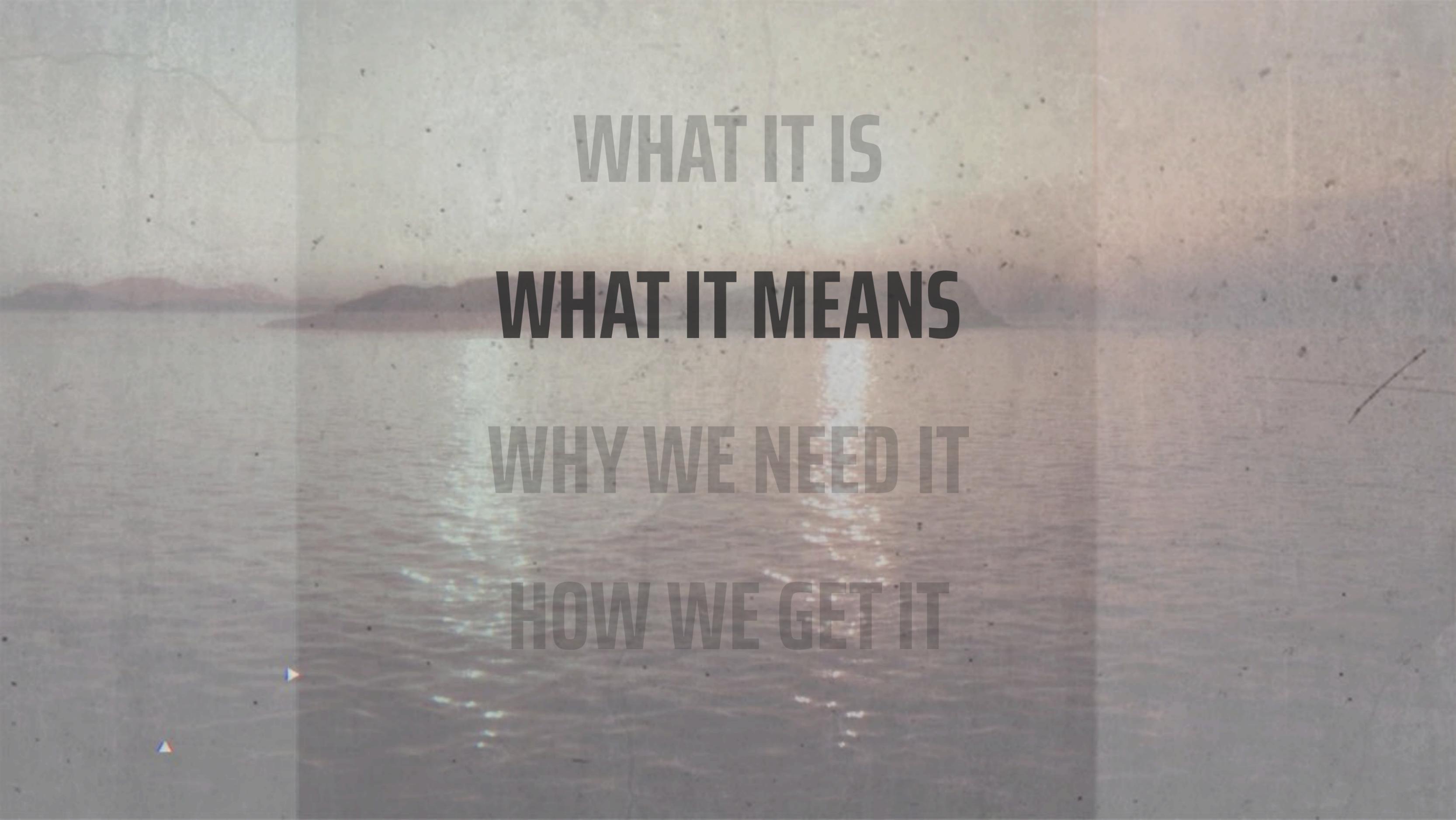


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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
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Revelation 21:3



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What does this show us?

Friendship and family as forever

God's dwelling place is now among the people.

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Once we have grasped our situation in God's full world, the startling disregard Jesus and the New Testament writers had for "physical death" suddenly makes sense...Anyone who realizes that reality is God's, and has seen a little bit of what God has already done, will understand that such a "Paradise" would be no problem at all. ...

Dallas Willard

And there God will preserve every one of his treasured friends in the wholeness of their personal existence precisely because he treasures them in that form. Could he enjoy their fellowship, could they serve him, if they were "dead"?

Dallas Willard

What does this show us?

Friendship and family as forever

Evil as ending

There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:4

JIM
CAVIEZEL

GUY
PEARCE

RICHARD
HARRIS

THE COUNT OF
Monte CRISTO



What does this show us?

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Evil as ending

Creation as proclamation

...and there was no longer any sea.

Revelation 21:1

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Friendship and family as forever

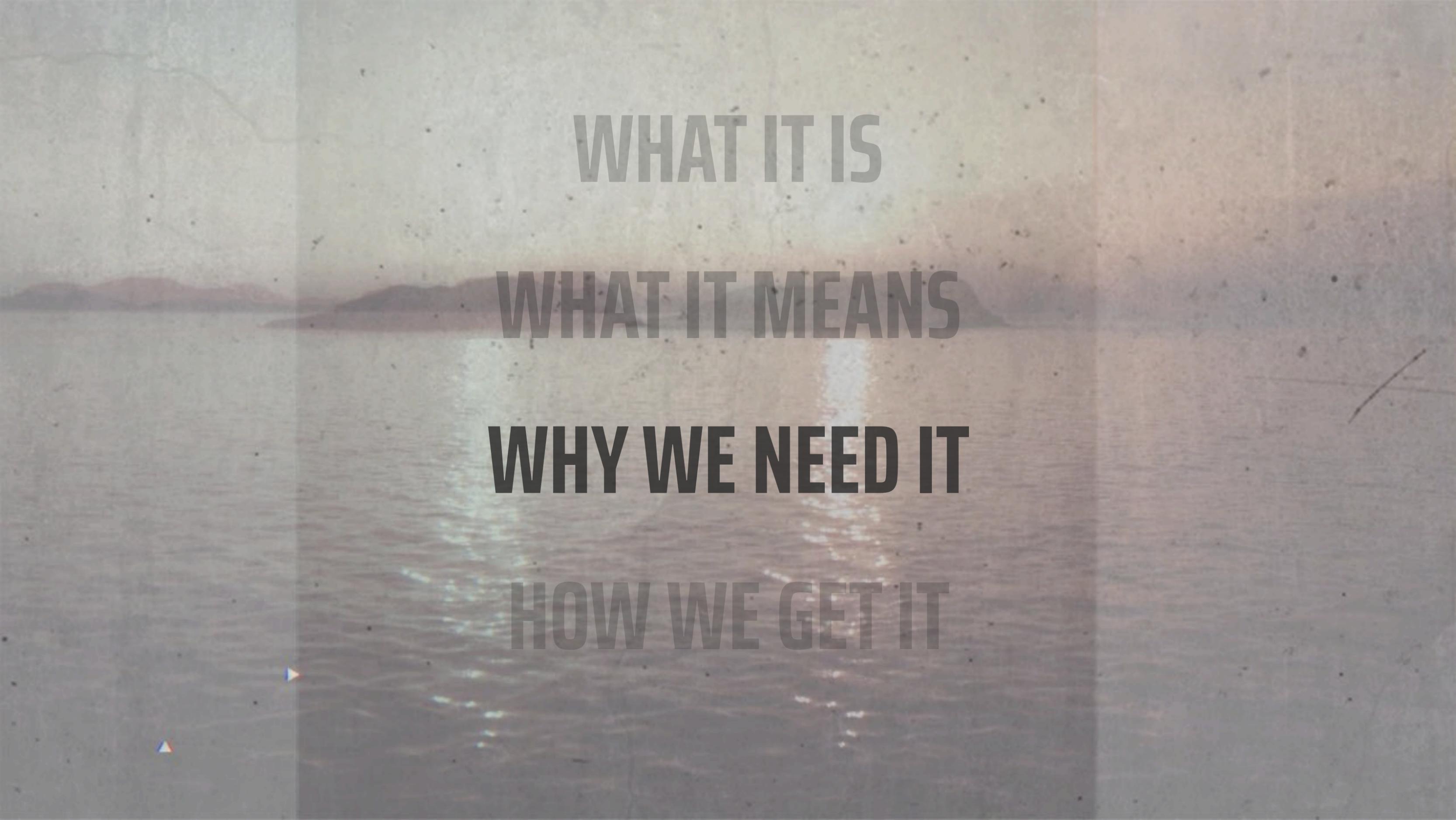
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Responsibility as reward

Those who are victorious will inherit all this,
and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Revelation 21:7



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"The astronomer tells us that, at long last, the universe will attain the age of equilibrium, when nothing more can happen. But eons and eons before that, human life will have disappeared. Do you suppose it will matter that we ever existed? We will have been a chapter in the history of the universe as pointless as the chapter about the strange monsters that inhabited the primeval earth. ...

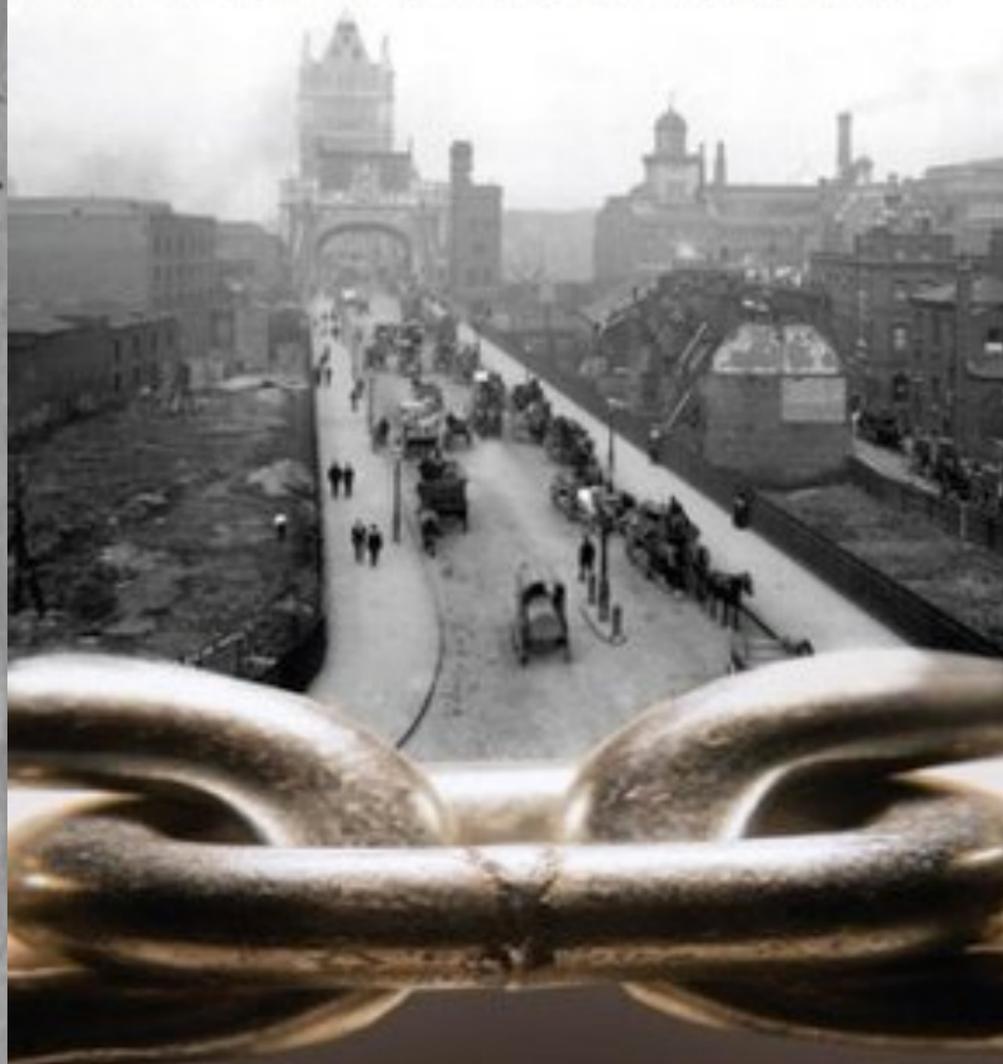
Somerset Maugham

If one puts aside the existence of God and the survival after life as too doubtful...one has to make up one's mind as to the use of life. If death ends all, if I have neither to hope for good nor to fear evil, I must ask myself what I am here for, and how in these circumstances I must conduct myself. Now the answer is plain, but so unpalatable that most will not face it: There is no meaning for life, and [thus] life has no meaning.

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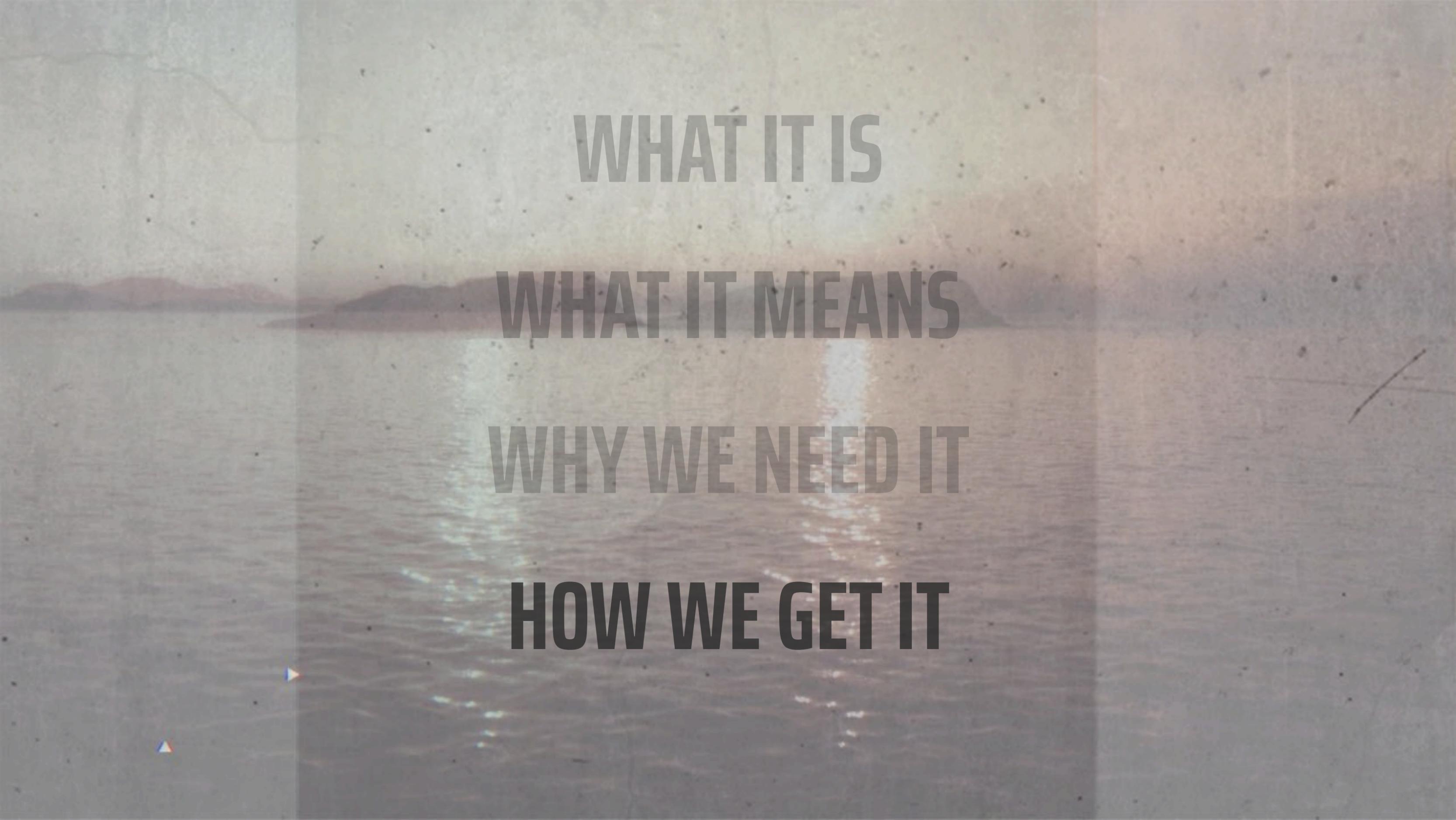
W. Somerset Maugham

"...there was no meaning in life. Man, by living, served no end, life was insignificant and death was without consequence, and at last, it seemed to Philip that any burden of responsibility was taken from him, and for the first time he was utterly free." ...

Of Human Bondage

"But, he realized - he could never be happy."

Of Human Bondage



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He who was seated on the throne said,
"I am making everything new!"

Revelation 21:5

The Christian doctrine of the new heavens and the new earth says that what we receive with Jesus in eternity isn't just a consolation prize for the life we always wanted, it will be the life we always wanted, and what we receive then will be all the greater for having gone through what we have been through now.

He said to me: "It is done.
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the Beginning and the End."

Revelation 21:6

1. Grab hold with your heart

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 2. Work hard with all your hands

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- The background of the image is a blurred photograph of a brick wall. A window with a white frame is visible at the top. The bricks are reddish-brown, and the mortar is a light color. The overall image has a soft, out-of-focus quality.
1. Grab hold with your heart
 2. Work hard with all your hands
 3. Remember- nothing is ever lost

1. Your bad things will turn out for good
2. Your good things can never be taken from you
3. Your best things are yet to come

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