

Seeing the Risen Lord



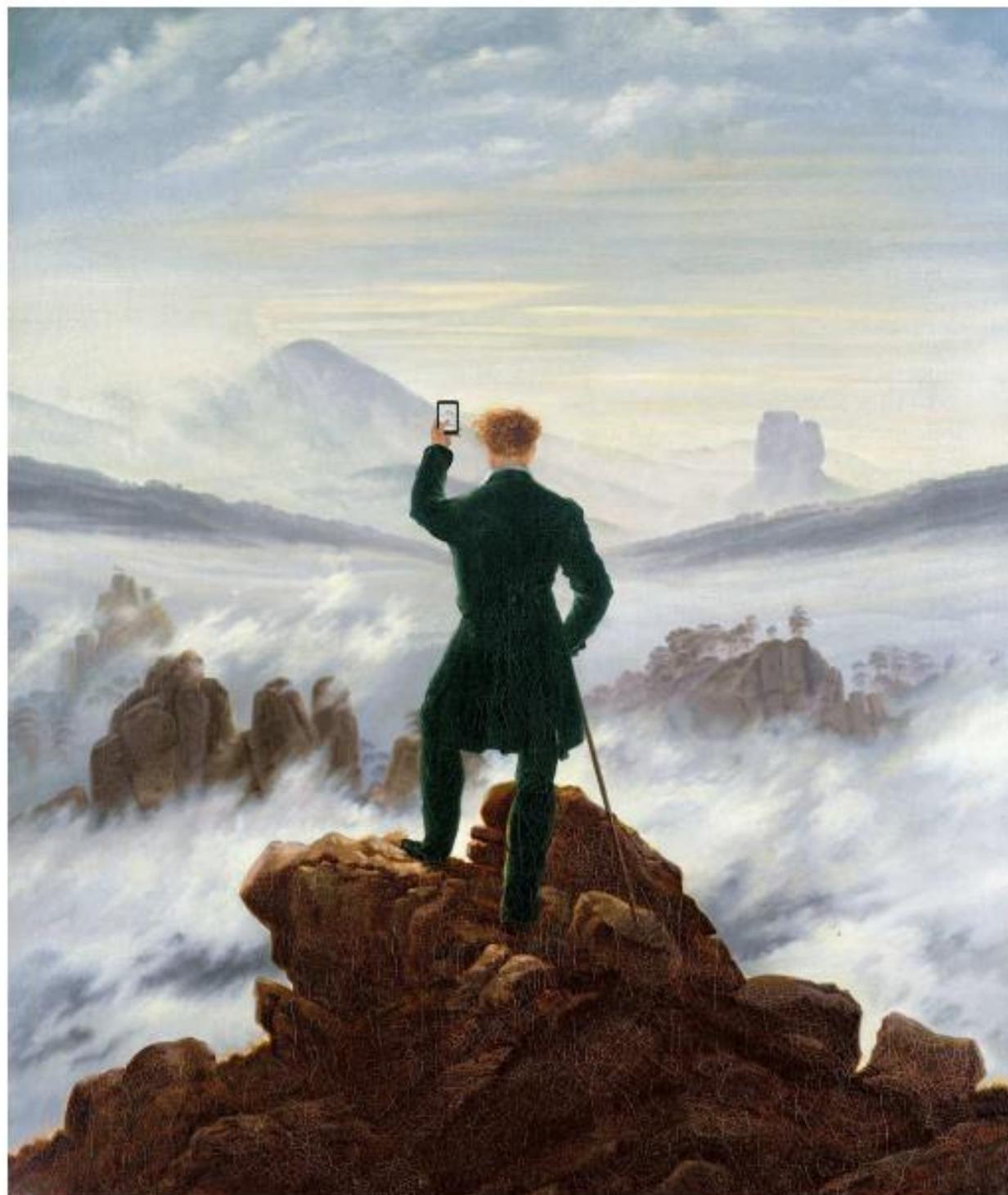
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attentive life*

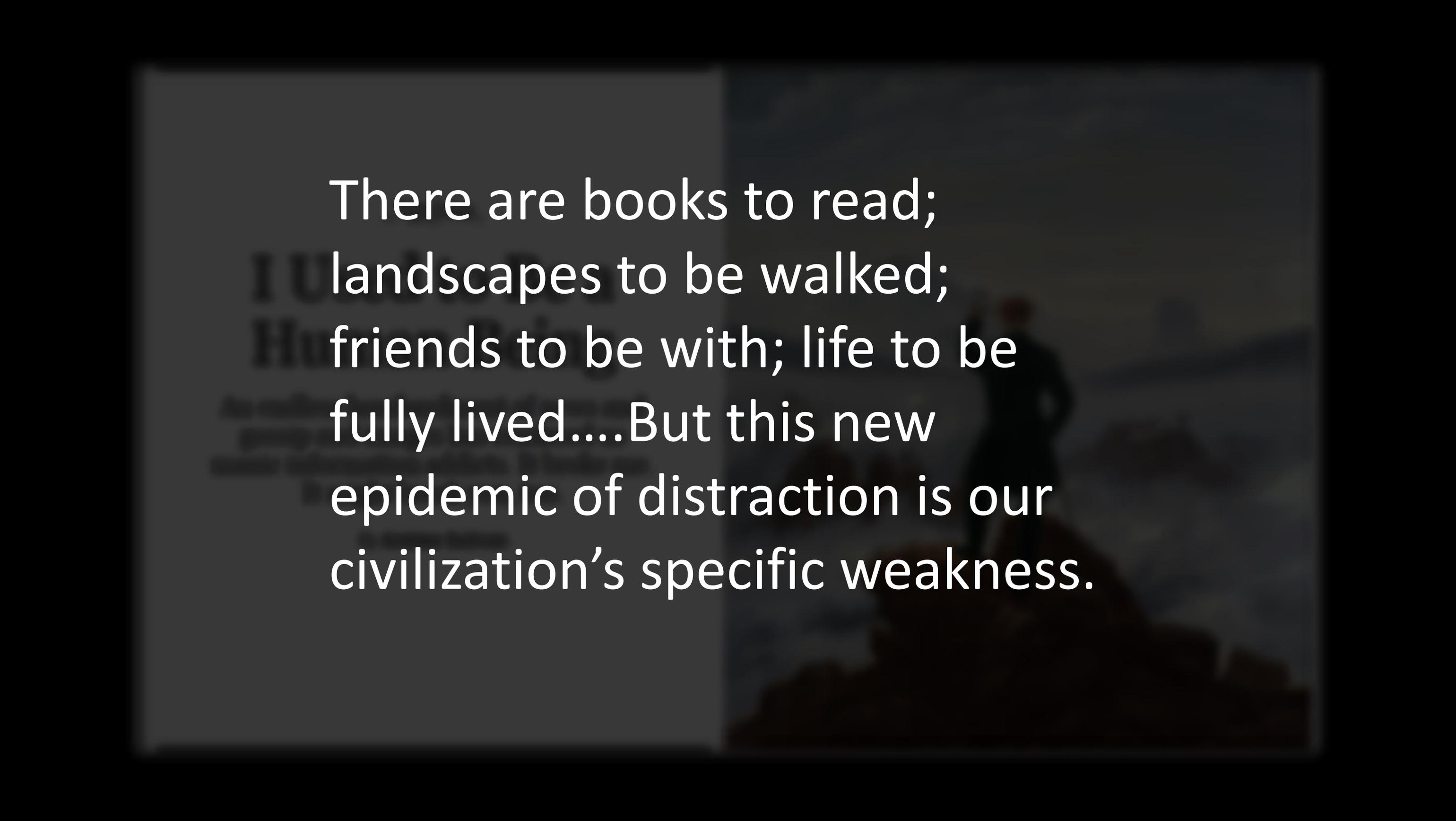
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I Used to Be a Human Being

An endless bombardment of news and gossip and images has rendered us manic information addicts. It broke me. It might break you, too.

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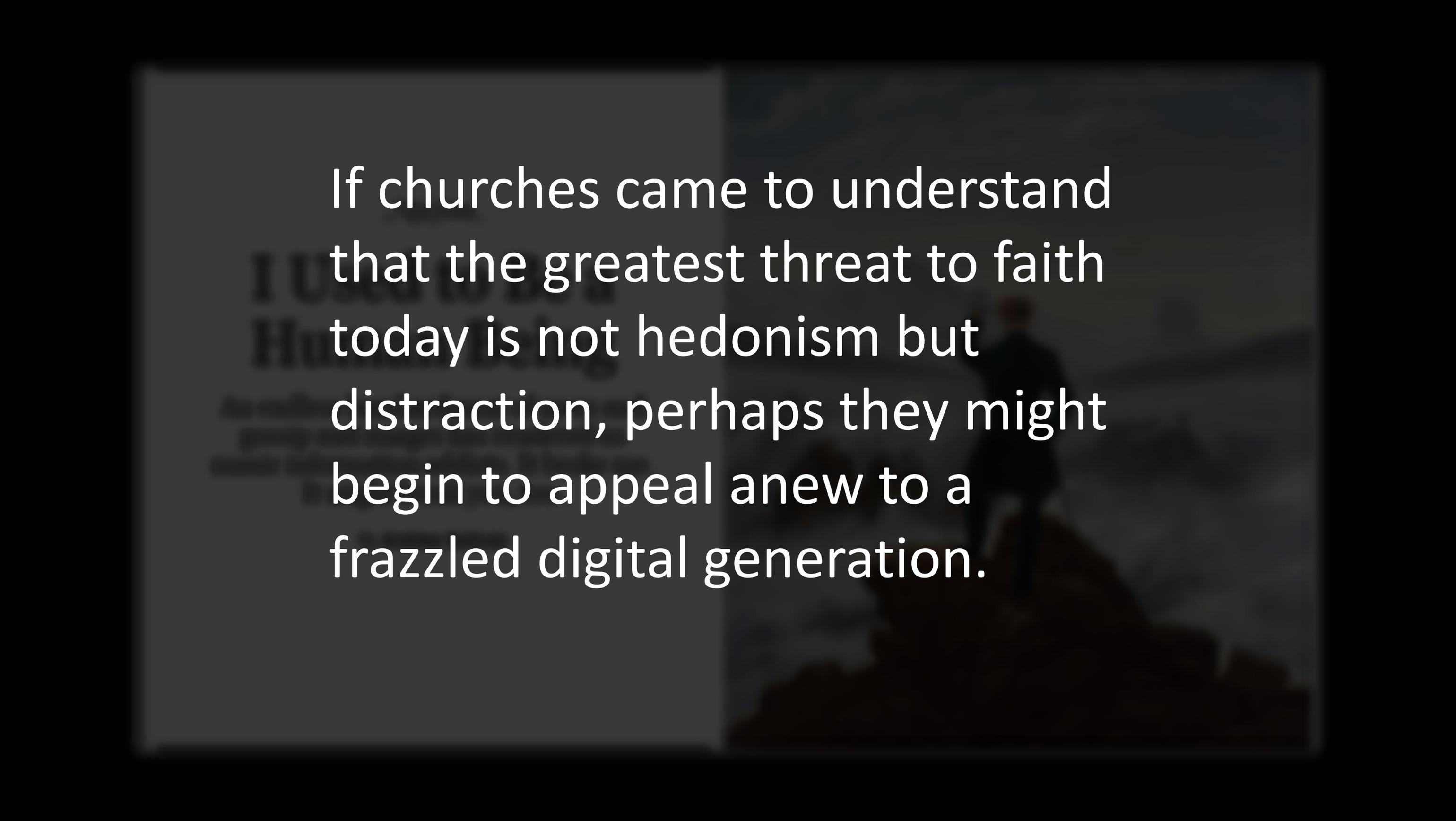




There are books to read;
landscapes to be walked;
friends to be with; life to be
fully lived...But this new
epidemic of distraction is our
civilization's specific weakness.

And its threat is not so much to our minds, even as they shape-shift under the pressure. The threat is to our souls. At this rate, if the noise does not relent, we might even forget we have any.

The reason we live in a culture increasingly without faith is not because science has somehow disproved the unprovable, but because the white noise of secularism has removed the very stillness in which it might endure or be reborn....



If churches came to understand that the greatest threat to faith today is not hedonism but distraction, perhaps they might begin to appeal anew to a frazzled digital generation.

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Psalm 23

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

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⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

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days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23: More Than A Shepherd



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Relation

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Literally in Hebrew:

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Beside still waters, he leads me.

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 - (leads in paths of right paths)

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- Protection .4
 - (valley of shadow of death, your rod and staff)

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- Presence .4
 - (you are with me, change in pronoun)

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Provision

What is provided?

- Nutrition .5
 - Drink (cup runs over)
 - Food implied by table being set
- Restoration .5
 - (anointing of head with oil)

What is provided?

- Direction .6
 - (literally pursued by goodness and love)
- Protection .5 and .6
 - (in presence of my enemies)
- Presence .6
 - (dwell in the house of the LORD forever)

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