

Understanding Our Times...

and the Biblical Path Forward

the Real Pandemic

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TRUTH



LIES

the Real Pandemic

not just selfishness

but

a growing **obsession**
with ourselves

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with **ourselves**

For where **jealousy** and **selfish ambition** exist, there will
be **disorder** and **every vile** practice. James 3:16

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a growing **obsession**
with ourself

which has given way to

the Rise of Homo Deus

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'homo' Latin for 'man'

'deus' Latin for 'god'

man begins to act as if he is a god

But the serpent said to the woman,

“You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be

like God,

knowing [yada] good and evil.”

‘yada’

here could mean that one becomes as a judge, “determining” good and evil

Satan's lie: (the Death Star)

It's all about you
Be true to your heart
You will be like God

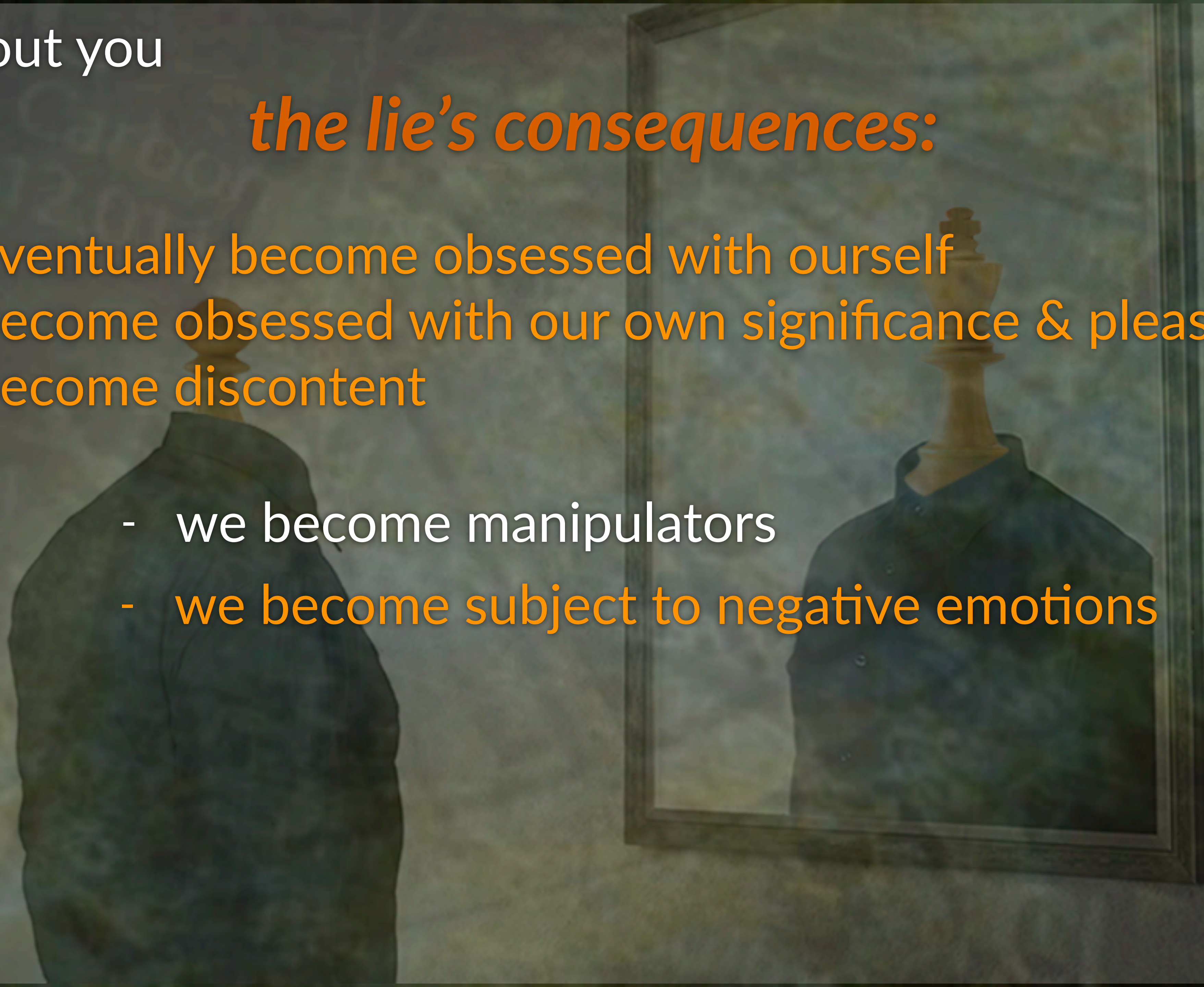
getting my script fulfilled will bring me happiness,
contentment, pleasure, joy, significance...

it is all a lie, a scam

It's all about you

the lie's consequences:

- we eventually become obsessed with ourself
- we become obsessed with our own significance & pleasure
- we become discontent
 - we become manipulators
 - we become subject to negative emotions



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anger

disappointment

complaining

impatient

discouragement

despair

depression

hopeless

bitterness

blame

victimism

skepticism

worry

apathy

It's all about my script

the lie's consequences:

- we become obsessed with ourself
- we become obsessed with our own significance & pleasure
- we become discontent
 - we become manipulators
 - we become subject to negative emotions
 - we become more and more isolated
 - we become less and less fruitful
 - we become angry and violent
 - we become self-destructive

- we become obsessed with ourself

A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart. Proverbs 18:2

Cultural Consequences

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akatastasia

chaos

Cultural and Personal Consequences



Eve

Saul

David

Uzziah

Nebucadnezzar

Naaman

Naaman

the **curse**s of the small story

VS

the **blessings** of the Larger Story



Jesus in the Garden

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next: the Empty Quest

*the desperate desire of the
heart of man*

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