



Summer Sermon Series

## BESTILL

AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

#### Psalm 46:8-10

- <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.
  - He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

### Psalm 46:10

1. The call to be still

2. The need to be still

3. The ability to be still





All of humanity's problems stem from our inability to sit quietly in a room alone"

Blaise Pascal, 17th-centuryFrench philosopher/mathematician

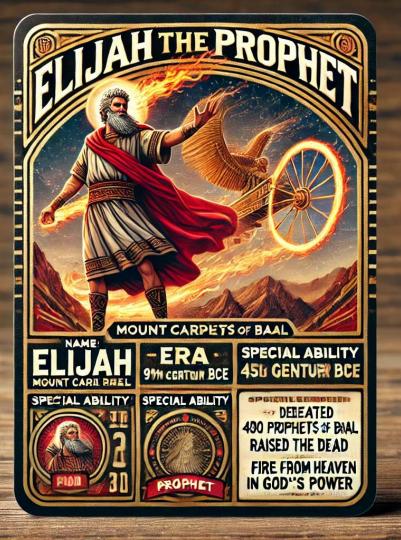


### Mark 1:35

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

# HALF TRUTHS

GOSPEL CLARITY IN A NOISY WORLD



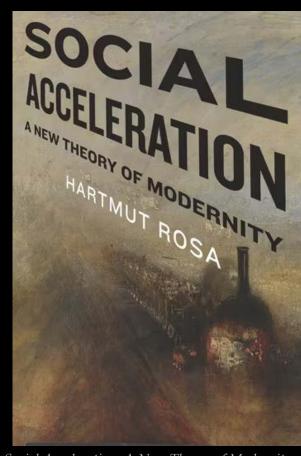
### 1 Kings 19:11-12

<sup>11</sup>The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he went out

# SOCIAL ACCELERATION A NEW THEORY OF MODERNITY

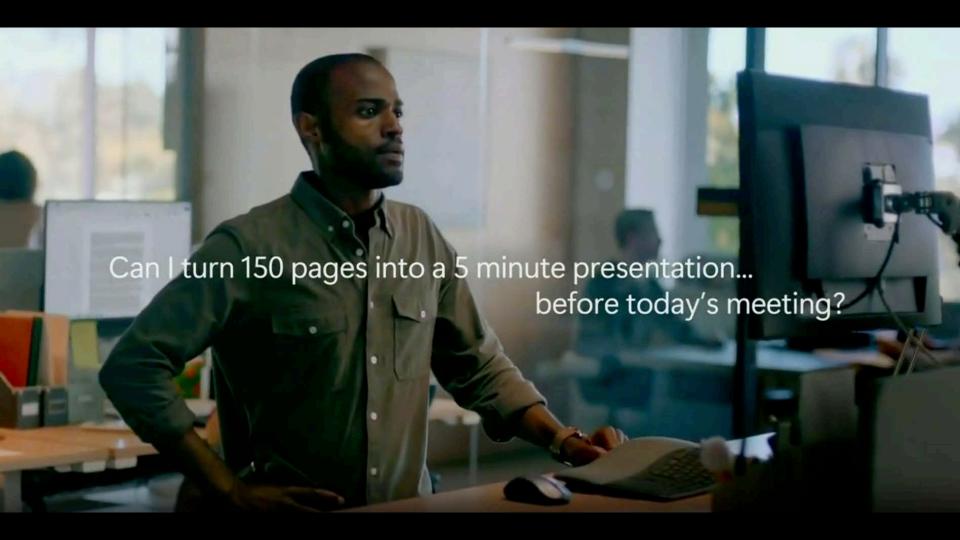
HARTMUT ROSA

The experience of time, especially its shortage, is increasingly recognized as a core problem of late modern society. The notion of acceleration, which refers to the speeding up of the pace of life, technological change, and social change, has become a key concept for diagnosing the malaise of our age."



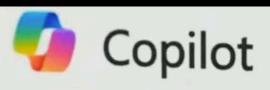
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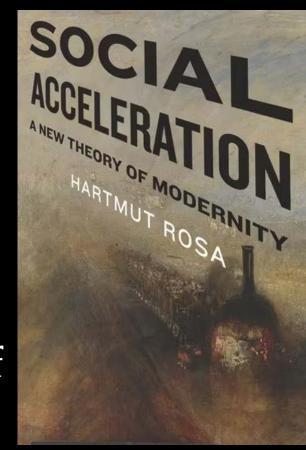


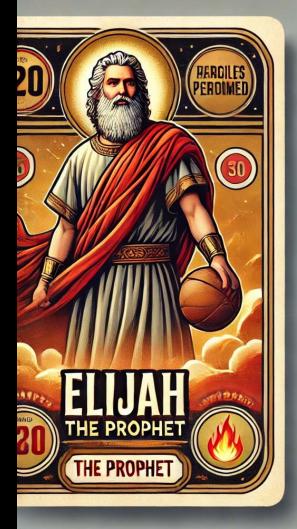




To argue that modernity is driven by an increasing demand – higher, faster, farther – is to misunderstand its structural reality. This game of escalation is perpetuated not by a lust for more, but by the fear of having less and less. It is never enough not because we are insatiable, but because we are, always and everywhere, moving down the escalator. Whenever and wherever we stop to take a break, we lose ground against a highly dynamic environment, with which we are always in competition...

Acceleration leads to a form of disconnection from the world: the faster we move through life, the less time we have to engage deeply with our surroundings, our relationships, and even ourselves. This disconnection contributes to a growing sense of alienation in modern society."







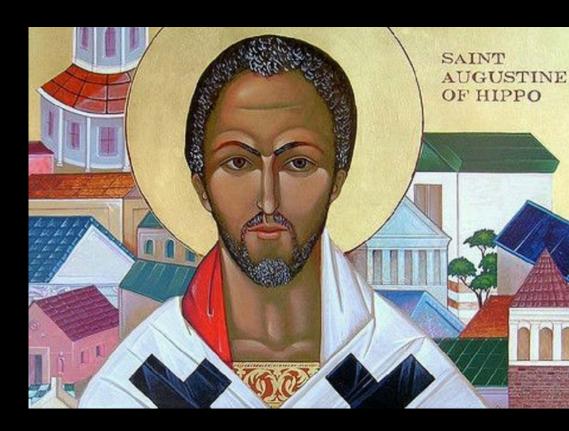
### Romans 10:2-6

Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage

about Elijah – how he appealed to God against Israel:

<sup>3</sup> "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? 4 And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." <sup>5</sup> So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

For it is the voice of God, not of man, which says, 'Be still, and see that I am God.' You did not make yourself, and you do not make yourself just."





### BESTILL

AND KNOW THAT [JESUS IS] GOD

PSALM 46:10

God alone can still the raging seas of the human heart; human means fail; in vain are the tranquilizers of our times. When God speaks, the storm subsides into a calm."



**Charles Spurgeon** 

### What does this passage say about...

1. God?

2. What God has done in Christ?

3. You?

4. What you are to do?

### Matthew 11:28-29

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.