

¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

¹ What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ...



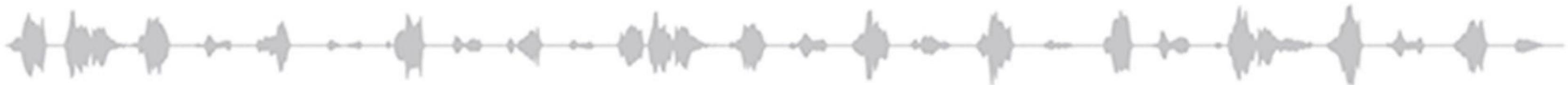
James 3 : 8 - 4:10

⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.



James 3 : 8 - 4:10

We were made for unity





A Personal Unity That Brings Wholeness



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A Corporate Unity That Brings Healing



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“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?”



James 4 : 1

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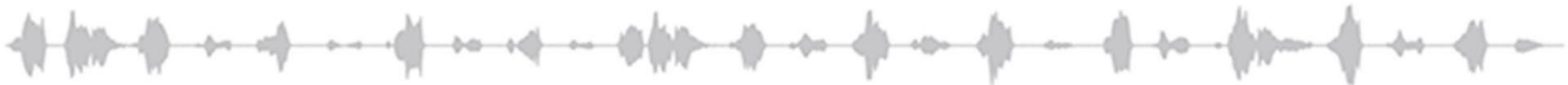
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Morgan's best translation:

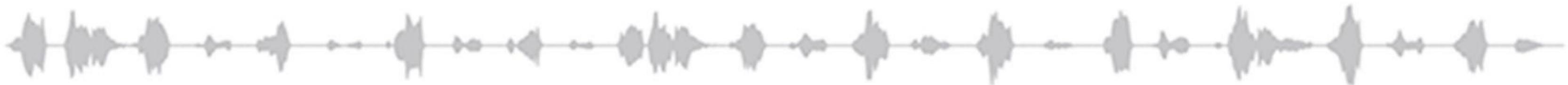
“Why are you fighting as a church? It's because some of your individual members are losing battles of their own.”

“Epithumia”



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Master Desire



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James 4 : 2 - 3

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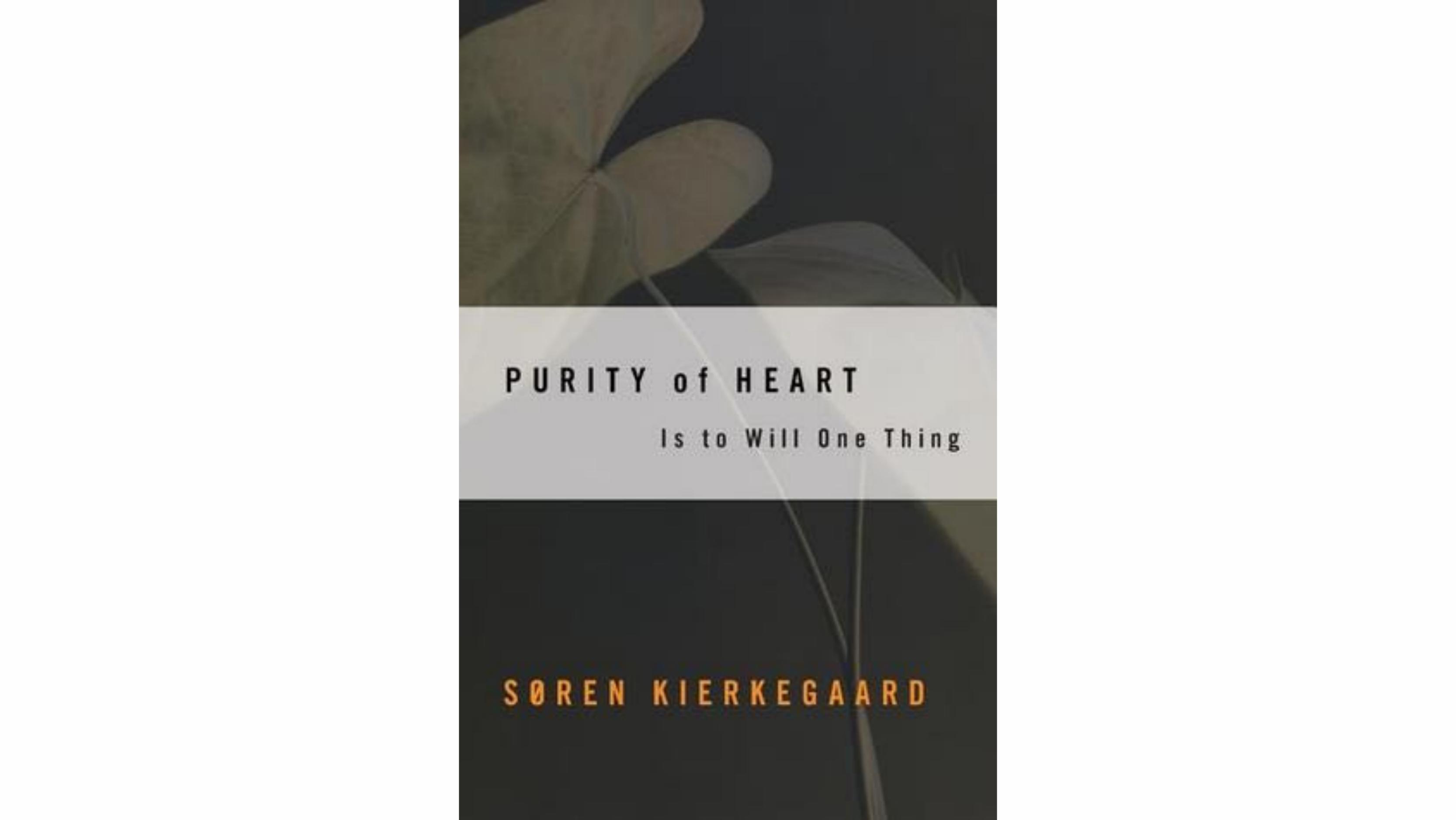


James 4 : 2

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James 4 : 3



PURITY of HEART

Is to Will One Thing

SØREN KIERKEGAARD

“Father in Heaven! What are we without you! You the One, who is one thing and who is all! So may you give to the intellect, wisdom to comprehend that one thing; to the heart, sincerity to receive this understanding; to the will, purity that wills only one thing. In prosperity may you grant perseverance to will one thing; amid distractions, collectedness to will one thing; in suffering, patience to will one thing. Alas, but this has not come to pass. Something has come in between.” ...



Soren Kierkegaard

Purity of Heart is to Will One Thing

“The separation of sin lies in between. Each day, and day after day, something is being placed in between: delay, blockage, interruption, delusion, corruption. So in this time of repentance may You give the courage once again to will one thing. Lord! Make our heart Your temple in which You live. Grant that every impure thought, every earthly desire might be like the idol Dagon—each morning broken at the feet of the Ark of the Covenant.”



Soren Kierkegaard

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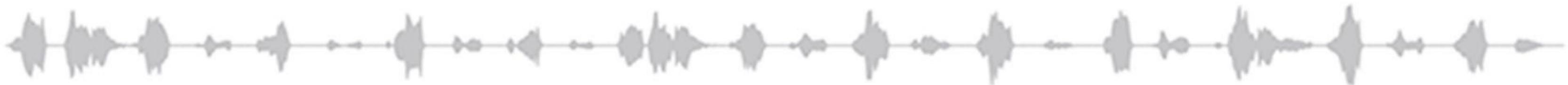
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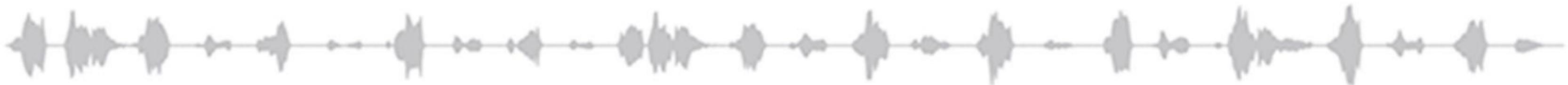


James 3 : 8 - 4

The ways we handle power, sex, money and race



Sex and Family



Money



“To cities filled with the homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. To cities filled with newcomers and strangers, Christianity offered an immediate basis for attachment. To cities filled with orphans and widows, Christianity provided a new and expanded sense of family. To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis for social solidarity . . . For what they brought was not simply an urban movement, but a new culture”



Rodney Stark

The Rise of Christianity

Race





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“But he gives us more grace.”



James 4 : 6

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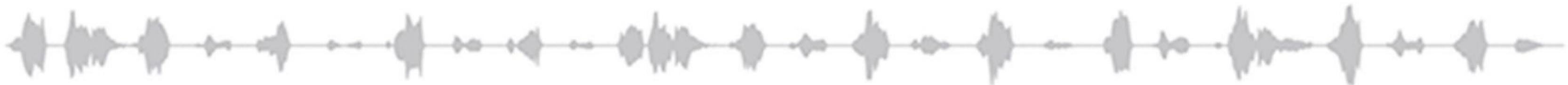
James 4 : 6 - 8

“Grieve, mourn and wail.”



James 4 : 9

“Perichoresis”



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Rotation



“Perichoresis”

Rotation
Dancing





Humility is what makes God dance

“In self-giving, if anywhere, we touch a rhythm not only of all creation but of all being. For the Eternal Word also gives himself in sacrifice. When he was crucified he did that in the wild weather of his outlying provinces which He had done at home in glory and gladness from before the foundation of the world.

This is not a...law which we can escape. What is outside the system of self-giving is...simply and solely Hell. Self-giving is absolute reality.”



CS Lewis

Humility is what the universe is not just all about,
it's what the universe is ***always*** about.

