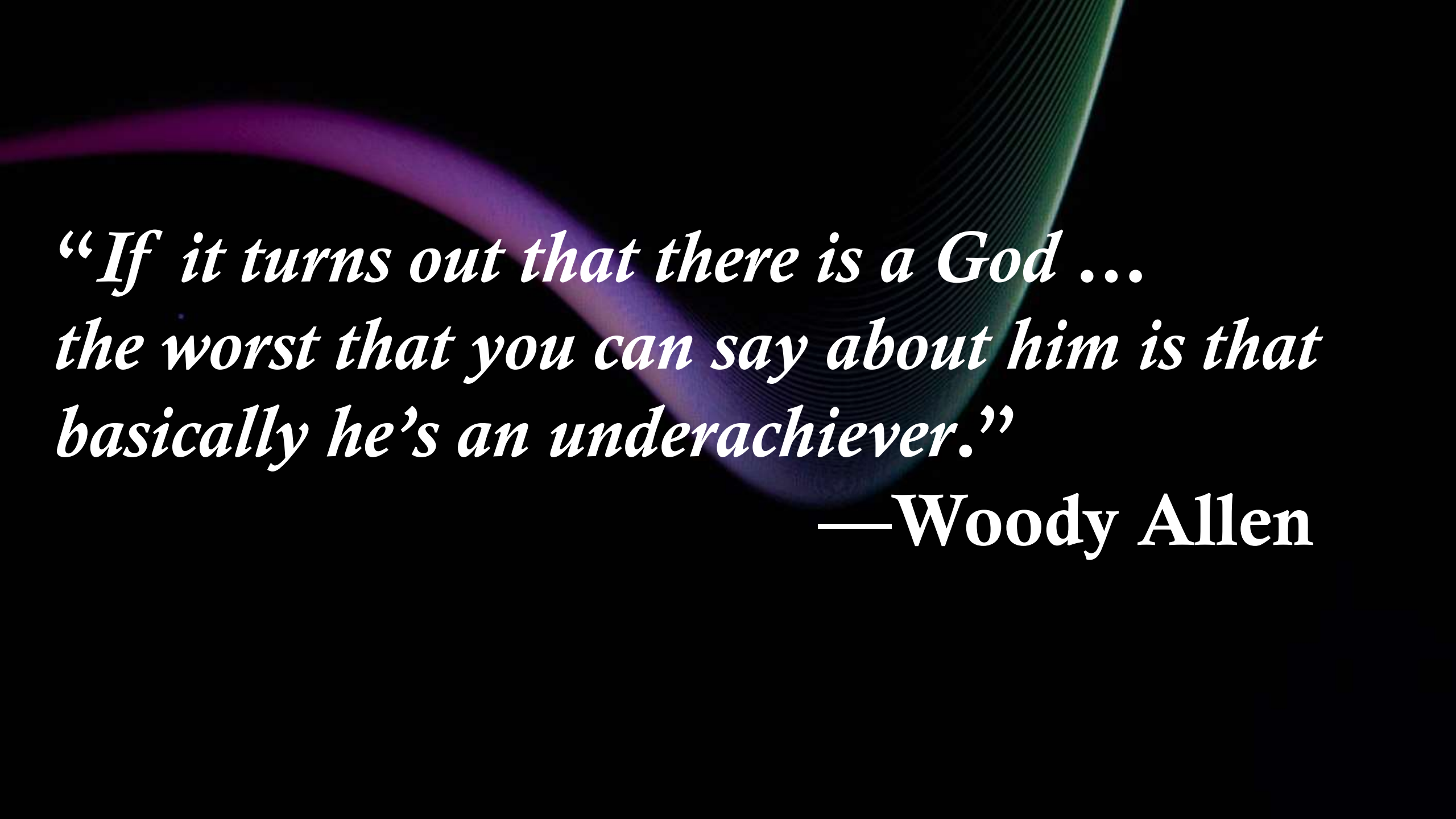


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*“If it turns out that there is a God ...
the worst that you can say about him is that
basically he’s an underachiever.”*

—Woody Allen

**Romans 11: 33 O, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable His judgments,
and untraceable His ways!**

**34“Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been His counselor?”**

**35“Who has first given to God,
that God should repay him?”**

**36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are
all things.**

To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

The Providence of God

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Genesis 24

28 The girl ran and told her mother's household about these things.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and he rushed out to the man at the spring.

30 As soon as he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's wrists, and heard Rebekah's words, "The man said this to me," he went and found the man standing by the camels near the spring.

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2 Corinthians 4

16 Therefore we do not lose heart.

Though our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day.

17 For our light and momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal glory that is far beyond comparison.

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Genesis 24

34 "I am Abraham's servant," he replied.

35 "The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become rich.

He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, camels and donkeys.

36 My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and my master has given him everything he owns.

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50 Laban and Bethuel answered, “This is from the LORD; we have no choice in the matter.

51 Rebekah is here before you. Take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master’s son, just as the LORD has decreed.”

52 When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed down to the ground before the LORD.

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53 Then he brought out jewels of silver and gold, and articles of clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious gifts to her brother and her mother.

54 Then he and the men with him ate and drank and spent the night there.

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54 When they got up the next morning, he said, “Send me on my way to my master.”

55 But her brother and mother said, “Let the girl remain with us ten days or so. After that, she may go.”

56 But he replied, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has made my journey a success. Send me on my way so that I may go to my master.”

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57 So they said, “We will call the girl and ask her opinion.”

58 They called Rebekah and asked her, “Will you go with this man?”

“I will go,” she replied.

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59 So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men.

**60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
“Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands upon thousands.**

May your offspring possess the gates of their enemies.”

61 Then Rebekah and her servant girls got ready, mounted the camels, and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

Genesis 24

63 Early in the evening Isaac went out to the field to meditate, and looking up, he saw the camels approaching.

64 And when Rebekah looked up and saw Isaac, she got down from her camel 65 and asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?”

Genesis 24

“It is my master,” the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

66 Then the servant told Isaac all that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah and took Rebekah as his wife.

And Isaac loved her and was comforted after his mother’s death.

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Revelation 21

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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

Revelation 21

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man,
and He will live with them.

They will be His people,
and God Himself will be with them as their God.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and there will be no more death
or mourning or crying or pain,
for the former things have passed away.”

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