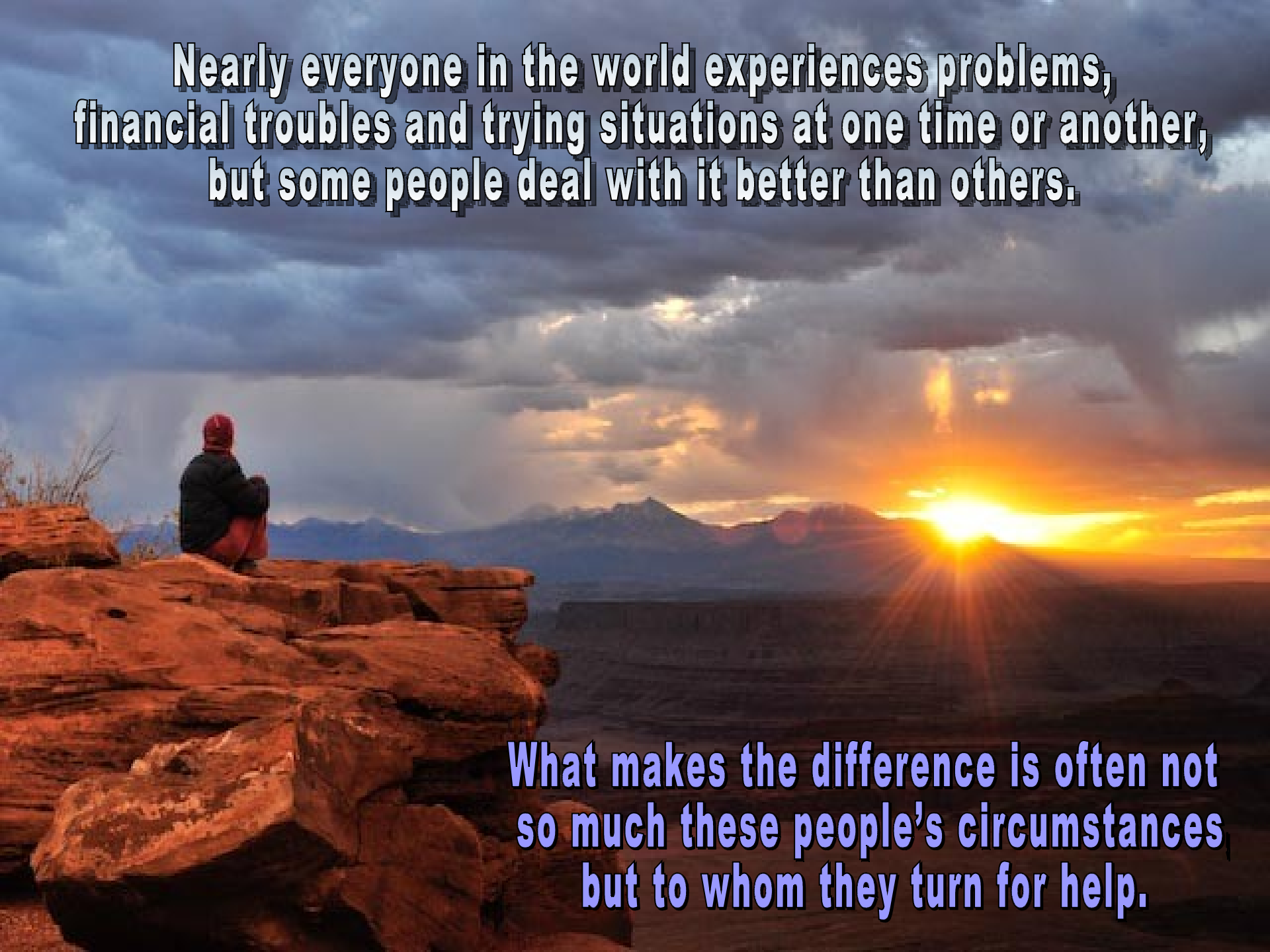


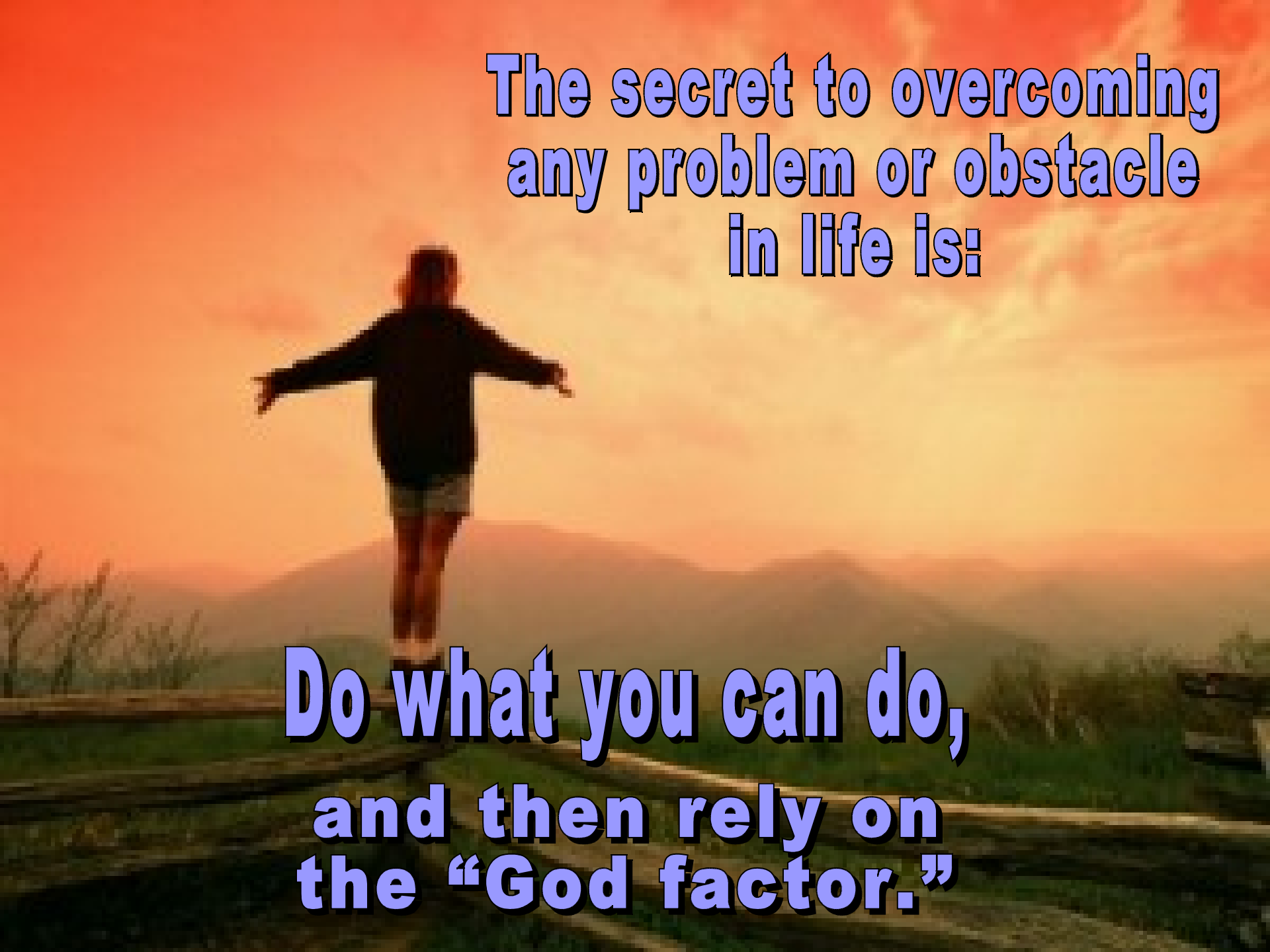
The background is a dark space scene. On the right side, a large, reddish-brown planet with visible surface details is partially visible. In the upper left, a thin crescent moon is seen. A bright, glowing star is positioned in the upper left quadrant, and a larger, more diffuse yellow and orange light source is at the bottom center. The text 'The GOD Factor' is centered in the image.

**The
GOD
Factor**

A person wearing a red beanie and dark clothing is sitting on a rocky cliff, looking out over a vast landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds. In the distance, there are mountains and a valley.

Nearly everyone in the world experiences problems, financial troubles and trying situations at one time or another, but some people deal with it better than others.

What makes the difference is often not so much these people's circumstances but to whom they turn for help.

A person is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky at sunrise or sunset. They are standing on a dirt path that leads into the distance, with their arms outstretched to the sides. The background shows rolling hills and a wooden fence on the right side. The overall mood is one of hope and achievement.

**The secret to overcoming
any problem or obstacle
in life is:**

**Do what you can do,
and then rely on
the “God factor.”**

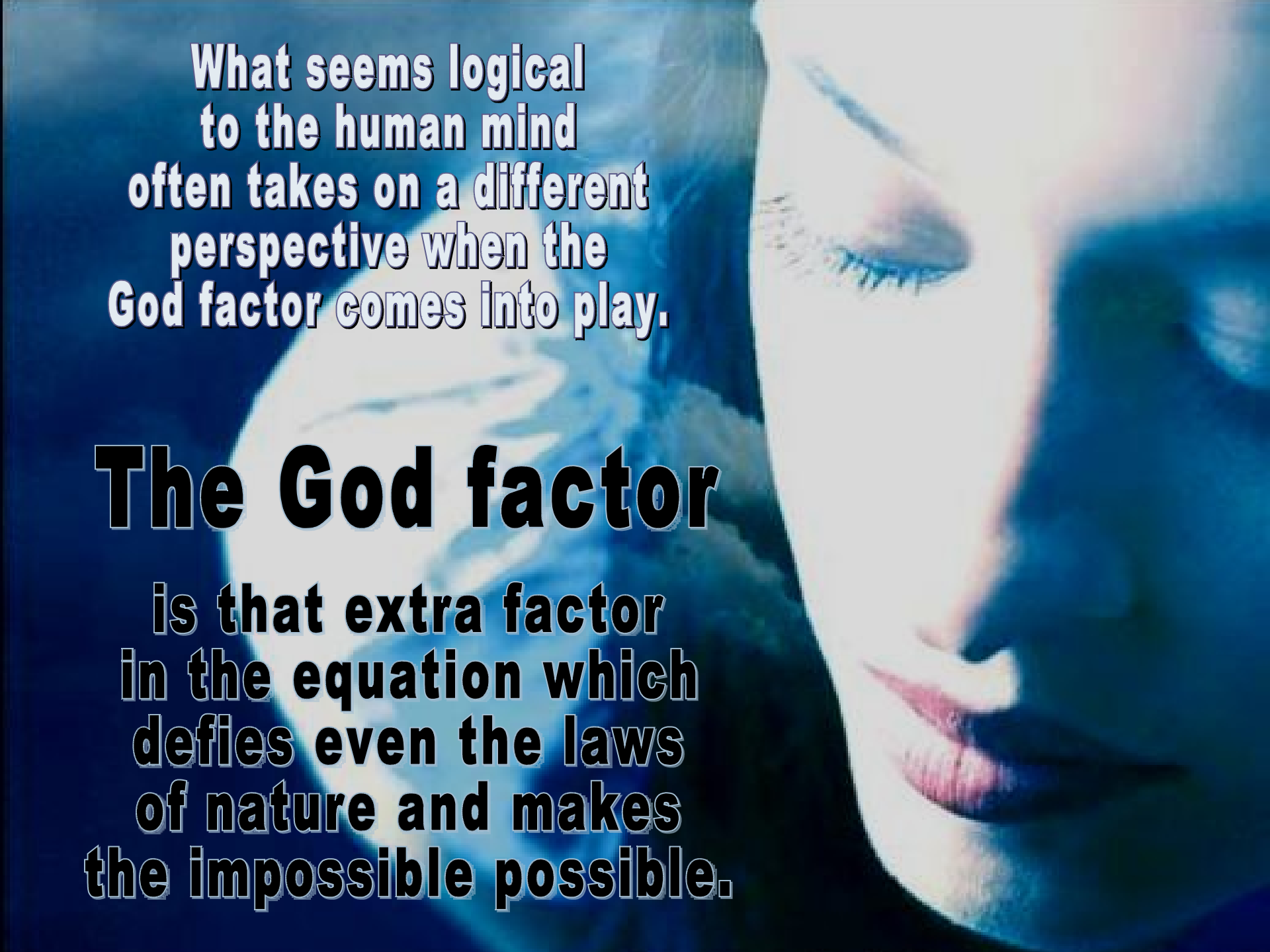
What is the God factor?

A large, bright full moon is the central focus of the image, set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, three dark, jagged rock formations stand on a sandy beach, their reflections visible in the shallow water. The overall scene is serene and evokes a sense of vastness and wonder.

Isaiah 55:9 says,
"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways,
and My thoughts than your thoughts."

In making our plans we must remember that God is in control of the situation,
and that He is able to change hearts and circumstances and make things
happen that are far beyond our abilities.

That's the "God factor."



**What seems logical
to the human mind
often takes on a different
perspective when the
God factor comes into play.**

The God factor

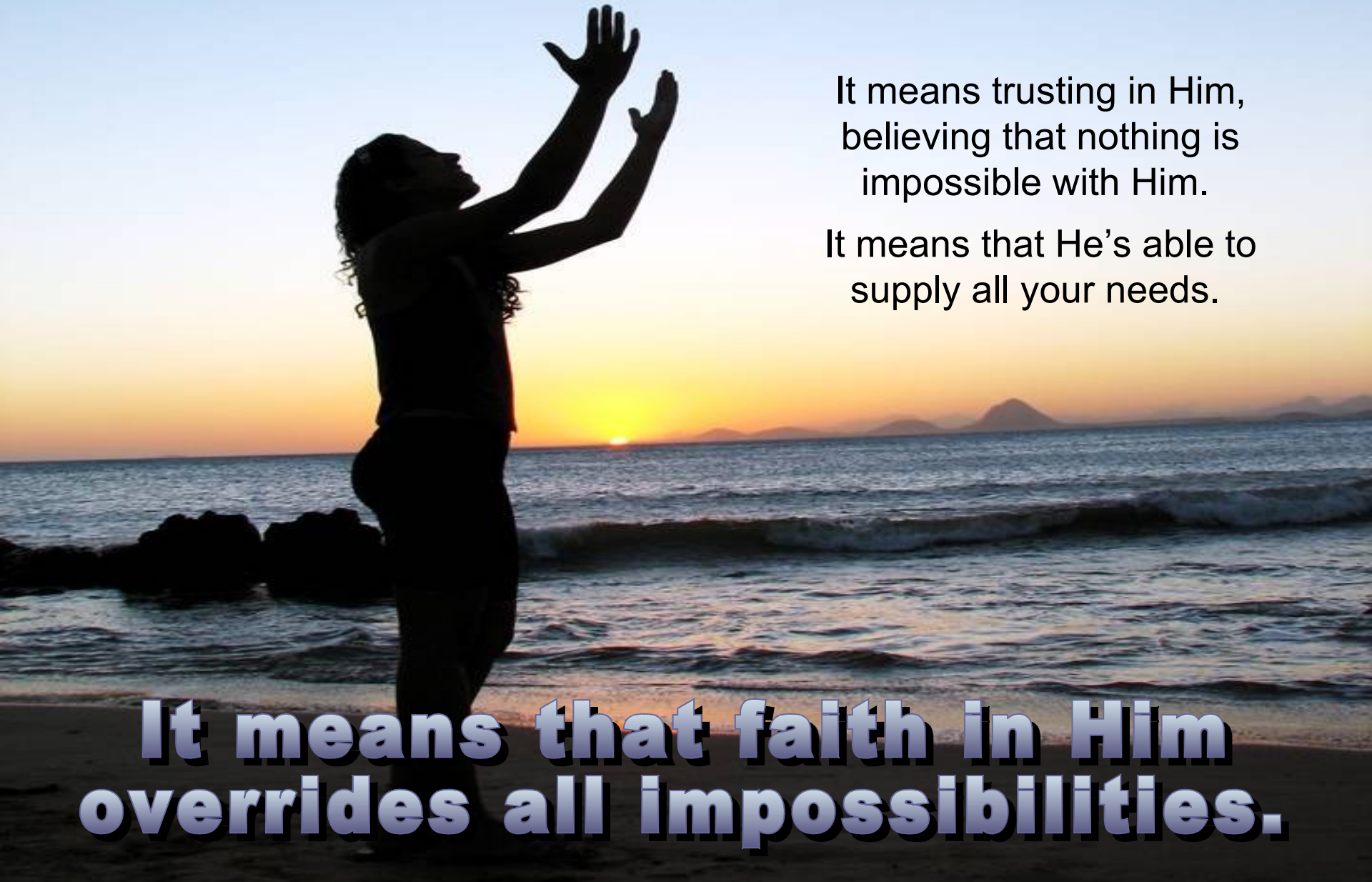
**is that extra factor
in the equation which
defies even the laws
of nature and makes
the impossible possible.**

The God factor means standing on God's promises.

It means trusting in Him,
believing that nothing is
impossible with Him.

It means that He's able to
supply all your needs.

**It means that faith in Him
overrides all impossibilities.**



God is in the heavenly realm, but He works in the real world.

He deals not just in spiritual blessings and rewards, but in tangible, black-and-white, dollars-and-cents material blessings and rewards as well. He's the God of Heaven, and also the God of this present world.

He transcends both, rules in both, lives in both, dominates both, creates in both, and has the power to pay us in both currencies.

We need to learn to trust Him for the material things that we need—not just our spiritual needs like happiness, purpose, and peace of mind.

He's just as powerful, just as capable, and just as willing to give us the tangible, practical blessings we need.

He has no problem or qualm about pulling cold, hard cash out of His pocket for us, if we'll only have the faith to receive it.

A vibrant rainbow arches across a cloudy sky, its colors transitioning from red at the top to violet at the bottom. The rainbow's reflection is visible on the surface of a dark lake below. The background features a line of trees with autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The overall scene is dramatic and serene.

We need to not limit God in our minds,

but realize that His influence is all encompassing and that He is capable of performing miracles in both the spiritual and physical realms.

**He can and will give us both spiritual and material blessings,
and we all need a whole lot of both.**

God has given us some amazing promises in His Word.

These promises are for real.

**They have been given to us by
our truthful God who never lies.**

**He doesn't exaggerate. He doesn't pump up His promises
to lift Himself up or to make us feel good.**

**He gives us His promises because He wants us to believe
and claim them as our own, so He can give us all of the
great things He has in store for us.**

A blue bird with a reddish-brown breast is perched on a dark wooden post. In the background, a vibrant rainbow arches across a clear blue sky. The scene is set outdoors with green foliage visible at the bottom.

**They're not fake promises,
but each one is conditional.**

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

"Give and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38).


*"No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly"
(Psalm 84:11).*

They're each dependent on us fulfilling our part of the bargain, which nearly always comes down to keeping His two great commandments:

A close-up photograph of two hands, one dark-skinned and one light-skinned, gently holding a small, delicate purple flower. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and pink tones. The overall mood is peaceful and symbolic of care and unity.

**Love God, and love our neighbors
as we do ourselves.**

Matthew 22:37-39

A person with long dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants, is sitting on a sandy beach. They are facing away from the camera, looking out at the ocean. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The waves are breaking on the shore, creating white foam. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**But if we do our part,
they are guaranteed to come to pass...**

**—not necessarily in the way
we want or think they will,
but in God's time and way.**

**Like a wise and loving parent,
He always knows what's best for us
and is happy to give it to us.**

Adapted from a article by Peter Amsterdam

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