

An aerial photograph of a beach. The left side shows deep blue ocean water with white foam from waves crashing onto the shore. The right side shows a wide, golden-brown sandy beach. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Ah... The Beach

We love boundaries.

It is pleasant to live in...

...a cottage at the beach

...a ranch on the plains in front of the foothills

...a suburban home, and easy commute to the city

We love boundaries because we find opportunities there.
Especially, we like wide fuzzy boundaries.



Modernism

. . . encourages us to live in a house built on top of a waterfall.

Modernism encourages us to feel that. . .

- 1.) Nature is real.
- 2.) Nature exists in an orderly, lawful, rational, beautiful pattern.
- 3.) Nature is outside us but approachable. We are masters of it.



Post-Modernism

. . . to work in an office that puts the diversity of the city at your feet.

Post-modernism encourages us to feel that . . .

- 1.) The universe is infinitely diverse.
- 2.) The universe is mysterious. There are many ways of knowing it. Many stories surround every aspect, all valid.
- 3.) The universe is worth exploring because we are of the universe.



Critical (Racial) Theory

... to live in a fractured world with historic social boundaries, obscured yet eternally always present.

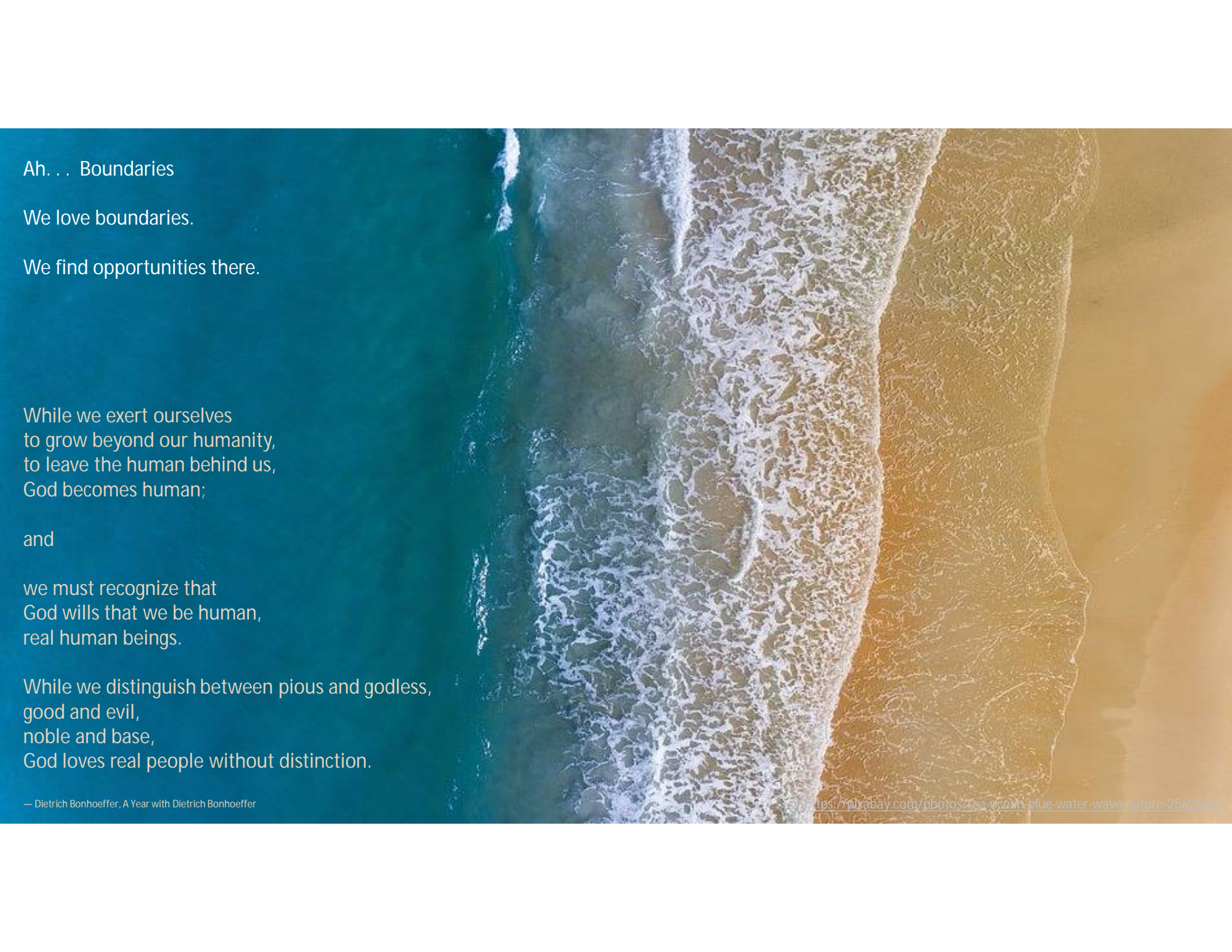
Critical (Racial) Theory makes us feel...

- 1.) The universe is no more real than as it is defined by those in power.
- 2.) Reason is unreliable. The universe cannot possibly be fully understood.
- 3.) The universe needs to be deconstructed and reconstructed.



Ah . . .
Let's take our shoes off
Let's walk in the surf
Let's feel the sand squish between our toes.

So much beauty and goodness. . .
Did God really say that you may not eat the fruit?
You will not surely **die!**

An aerial photograph of a beach. The left side shows deep blue ocean water. A white, foamy wave is breaking onto a golden-brown sandy beach. The right side of the image is a solid, light brown color, possibly representing the sand or a background gradient.

Ah. . . Boundaries

We love boundaries.

We find opportunities there.

While we exert ourselves
to grow beyond our humanity,
to leave the human behind us,
God becomes human;

and

we must recognize that
God wills that we be human,
real human beings.

While we distinguish between pious and godless,
good and evil,
noble and base,
God loves real people without distinction.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, A Year with Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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