

How To Fix California

From My s to Reality



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Agenda

- Introduction
- Seven Myths
- The Plan

Who Am I?

- Immigrant
- Physicist
- Storyteller
- Radical Centrist

Myths

- Narratives that shape how we view the world
- Neither true nor false
- Maladaptive

Reality

- Systems that actually shape the world
- Empirically testable
- Adaptive

Seven Myths

1. Challenge

➤ Myth

➤ The problem is painfully complex

➤ "Development"

1. Challenge

➤ Reality

➤ The solution is painfully simple

➤ "Design"



A designer knows he has achieved perfection not when there is nothing left to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.

2. Solution

➤ Myth

➤ Only top-down reform can save us

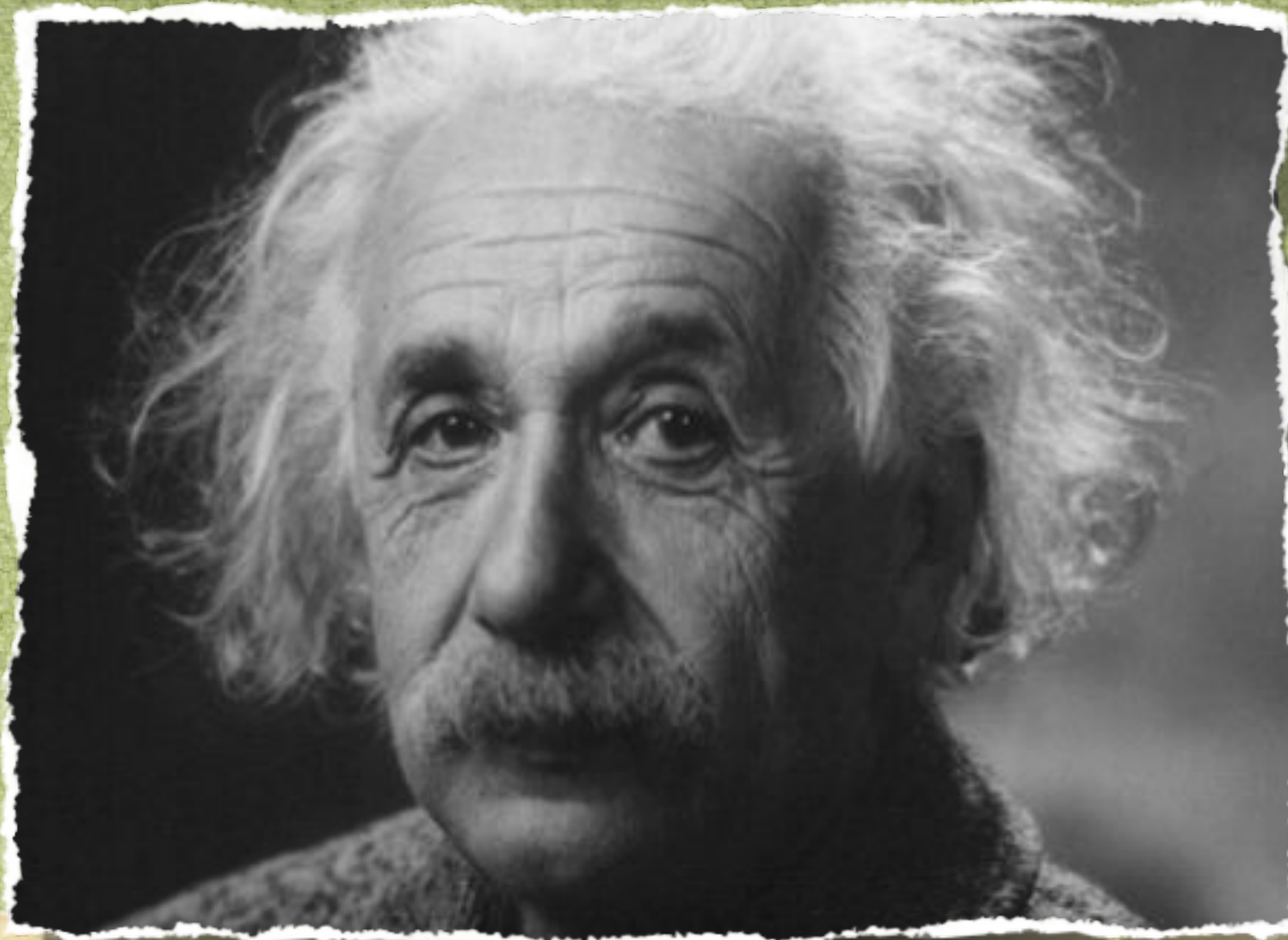
➤ "Policy"

2. Solution

➤ Reality

➤ Only a bottom-up revolution will save us

➤ "Mechanism"



Problems cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them.

3. Fight

➤ Myth

➤ They are the problem, and must be changed

➤ "Replace"

3. Fight

➤ Reality

➤ We are the problem, and must change ourselves

➤ "Improve"



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed people can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

4. Leadership

➤ Myth

➤ We must take political power

➤ "Control"

4. Leadership

➤ Reality

➤ We must provide moral authority

➤ "Trust"



I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good.

5. Truth

➤ Myth

➤ We must know the answer

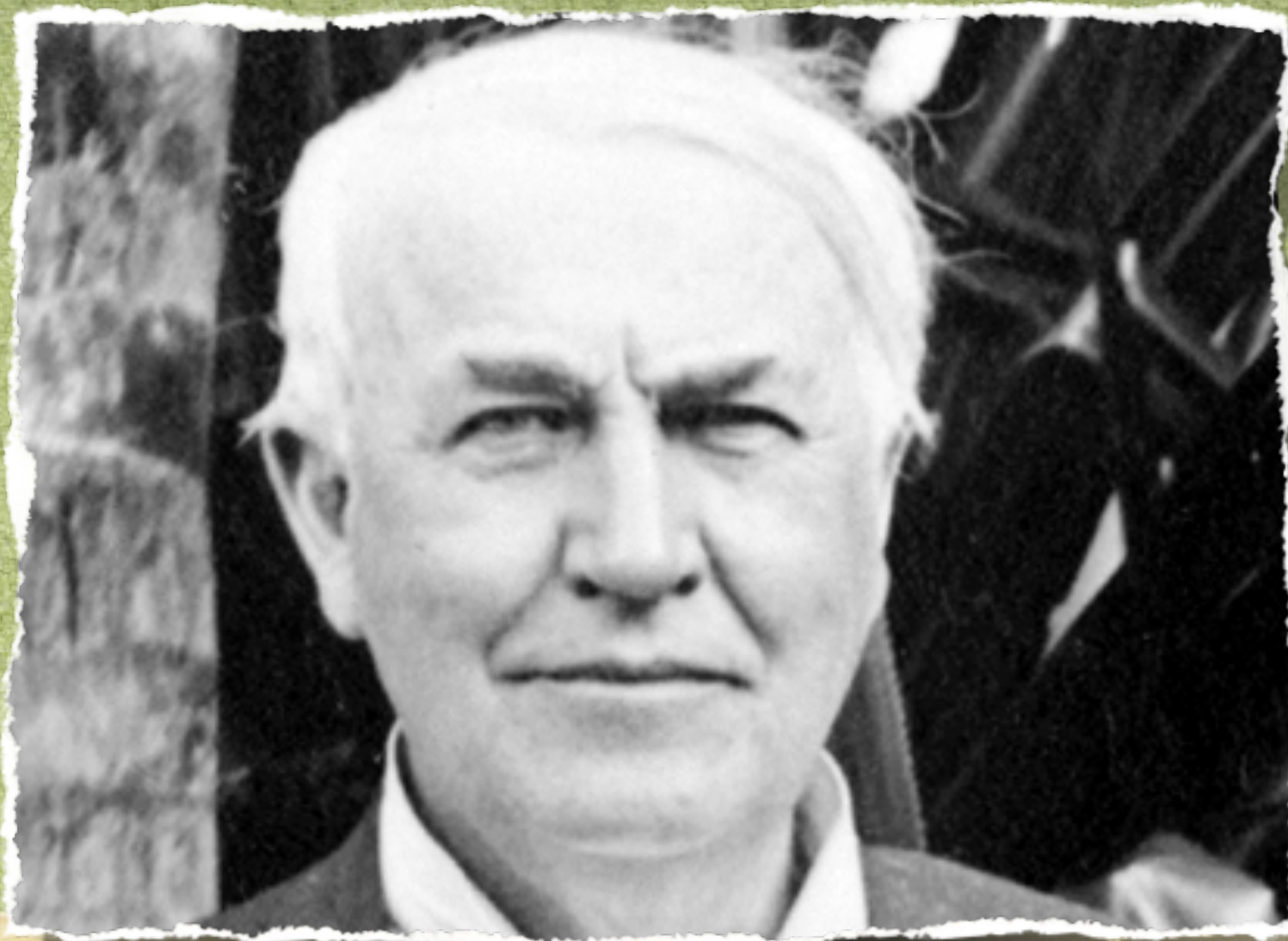
➤ "Ideas"

5. Truth

➤ Reality

➤ We are learning the answer

➤ "Process"



Genius is one percent inspiration,
ninety-nine percent perspiration.

6. Product

➤ Myth

➤ We need better laws

➤ "Politics"

6. Product

➤ Reality

➤ We need better values

➤ "Culture"



Let me write the songs of a nation
– I don't care who writes its laws.

7. Enemies

➤ Myth

➤ Opposition threatens us

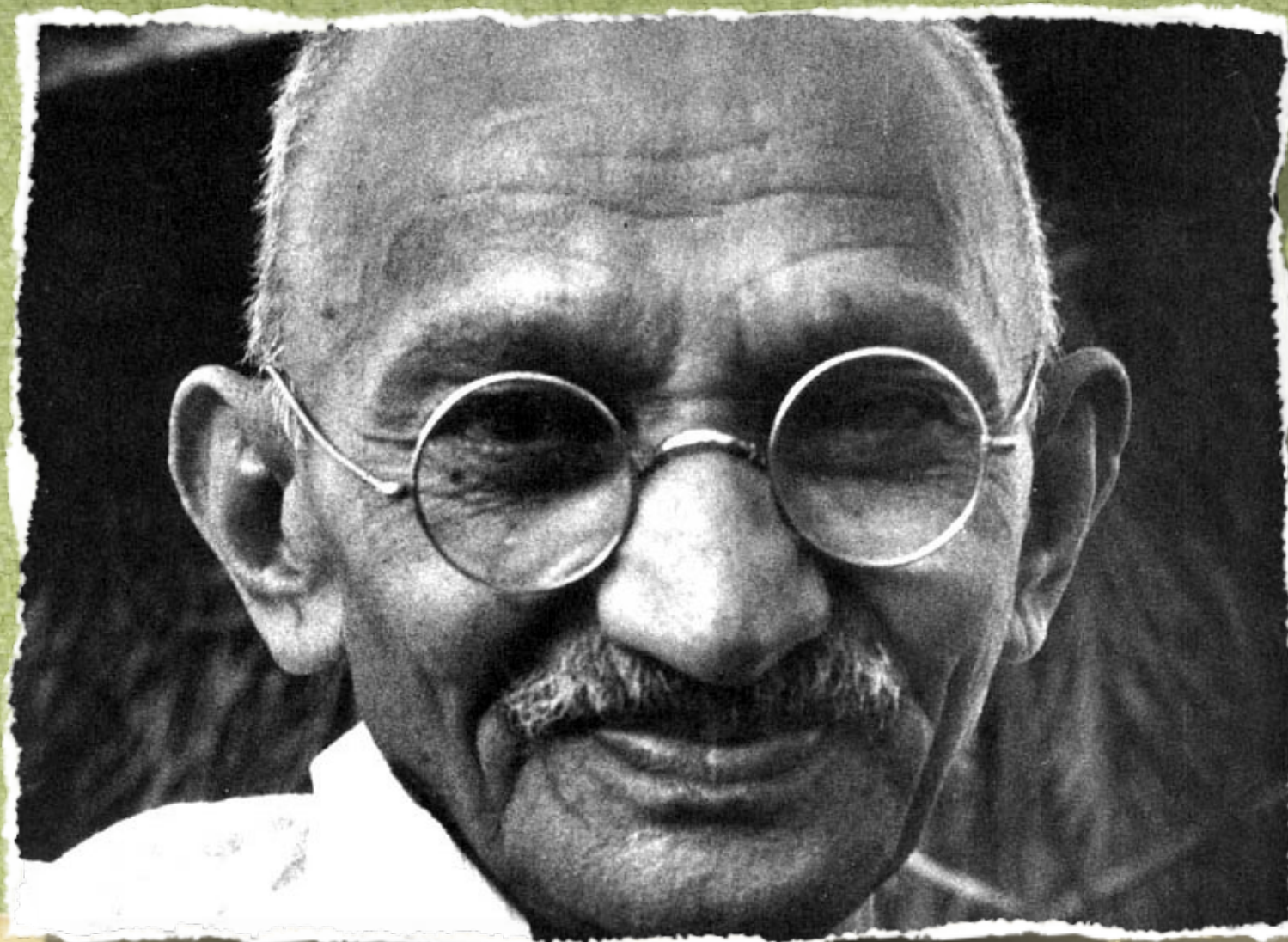
➤ "Fear and Anger"

7. Enemies

➤ Reality

➤ Opposition strengthens us

➤ "Peace"



First they ignore you, then they
ridicule you, then they fight you,
then you win.

The Plan

How To Fix California

1. Embrace reality
2. Express reality for others to embrace
3. *There is no step three*

From Myths to Reality

Reality	Adaptive Systems
Challenge	Simple Design
Solution	Revolutionary Mechanism
Fight	Self Improvement
Leadership	Trusted Authority
Truth	Learning Process
Product	Cultural Values
Enemies	Peaceful Strength



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