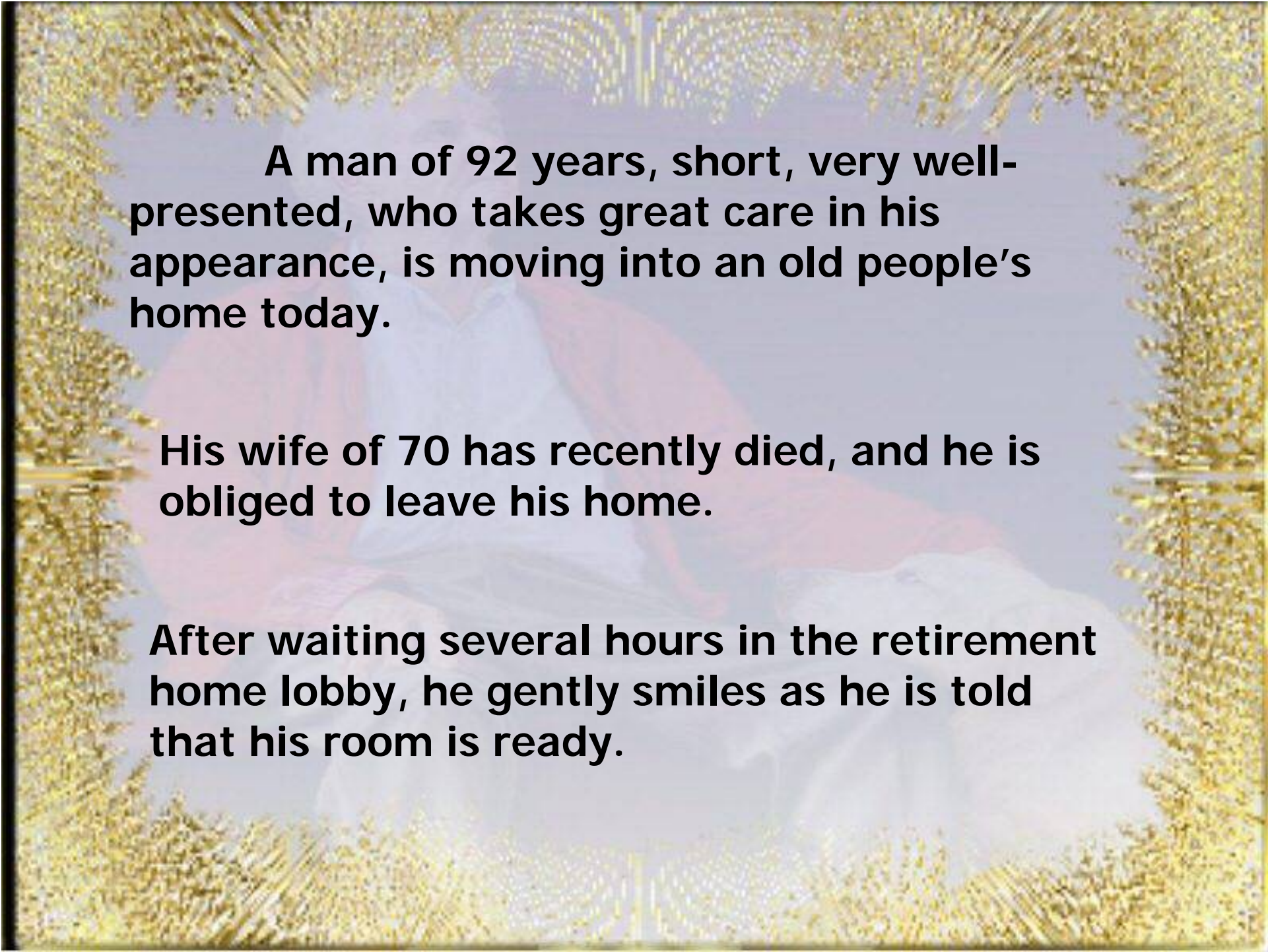


The Wise Old Man

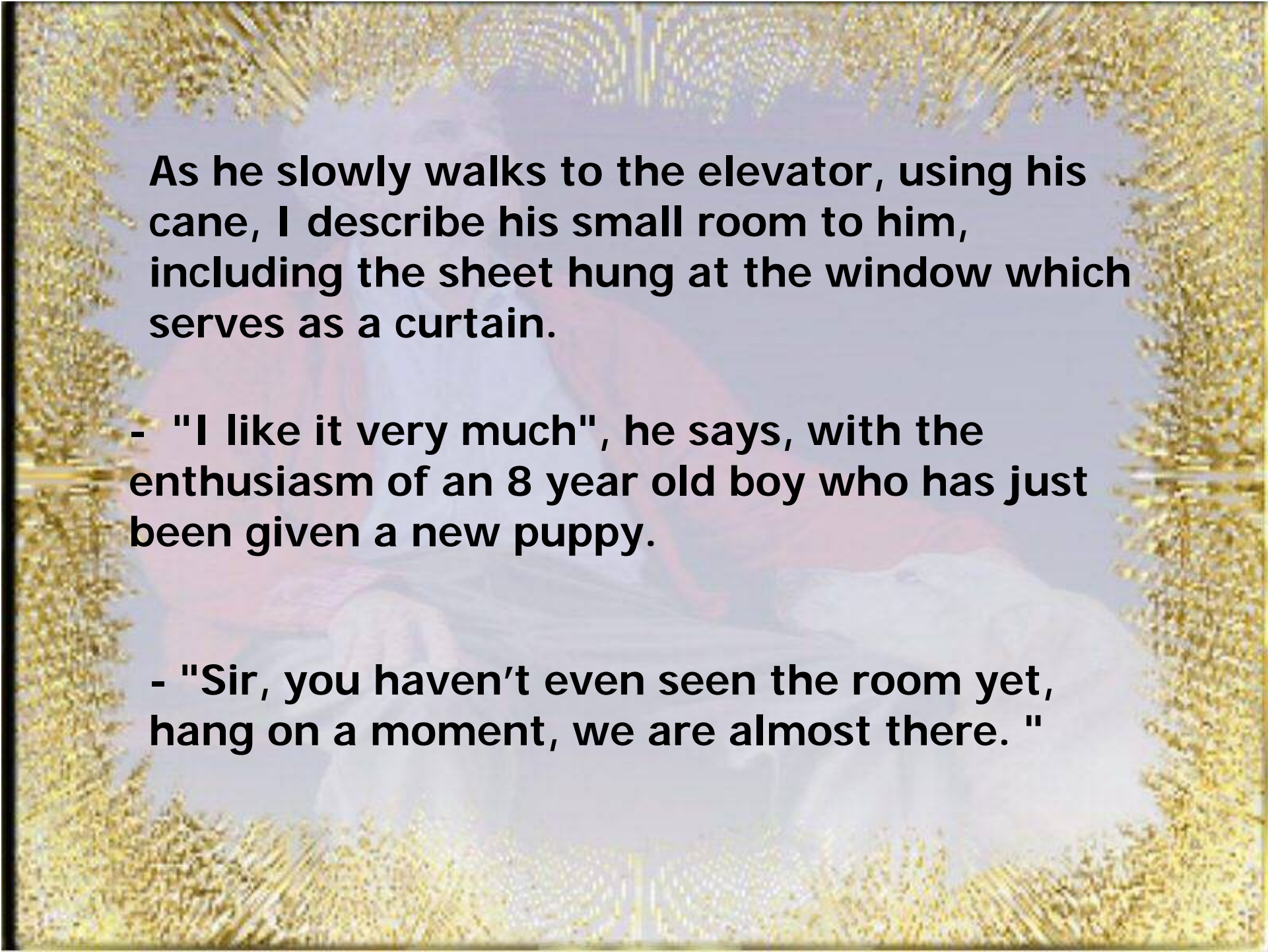




A man of 92 years, short, very well-presented, who takes great care in his appearance, is moving into an old people's home today.

His wife of 70 has recently died, and he is obliged to leave his home.

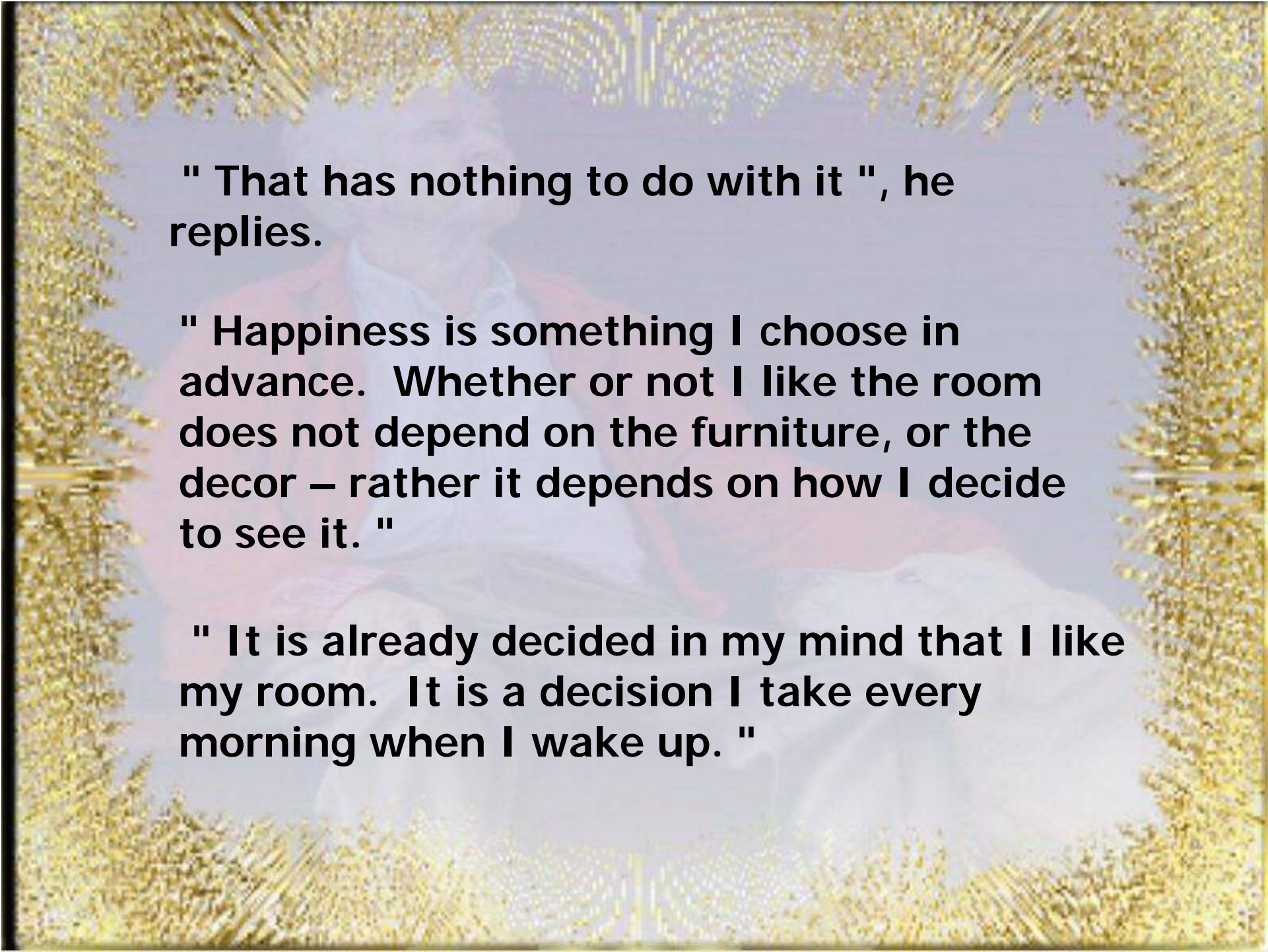
After waiting several hours in the retirement home lobby, he gently smiles as he is told that his room is ready.



As he slowly walks to the elevator, using his cane, I describe his small room to him, including the sheet hung at the window which serves as a curtain.

- "I like it very much", he says, with the enthusiasm of an 8 year old boy who has just been given a new puppy.

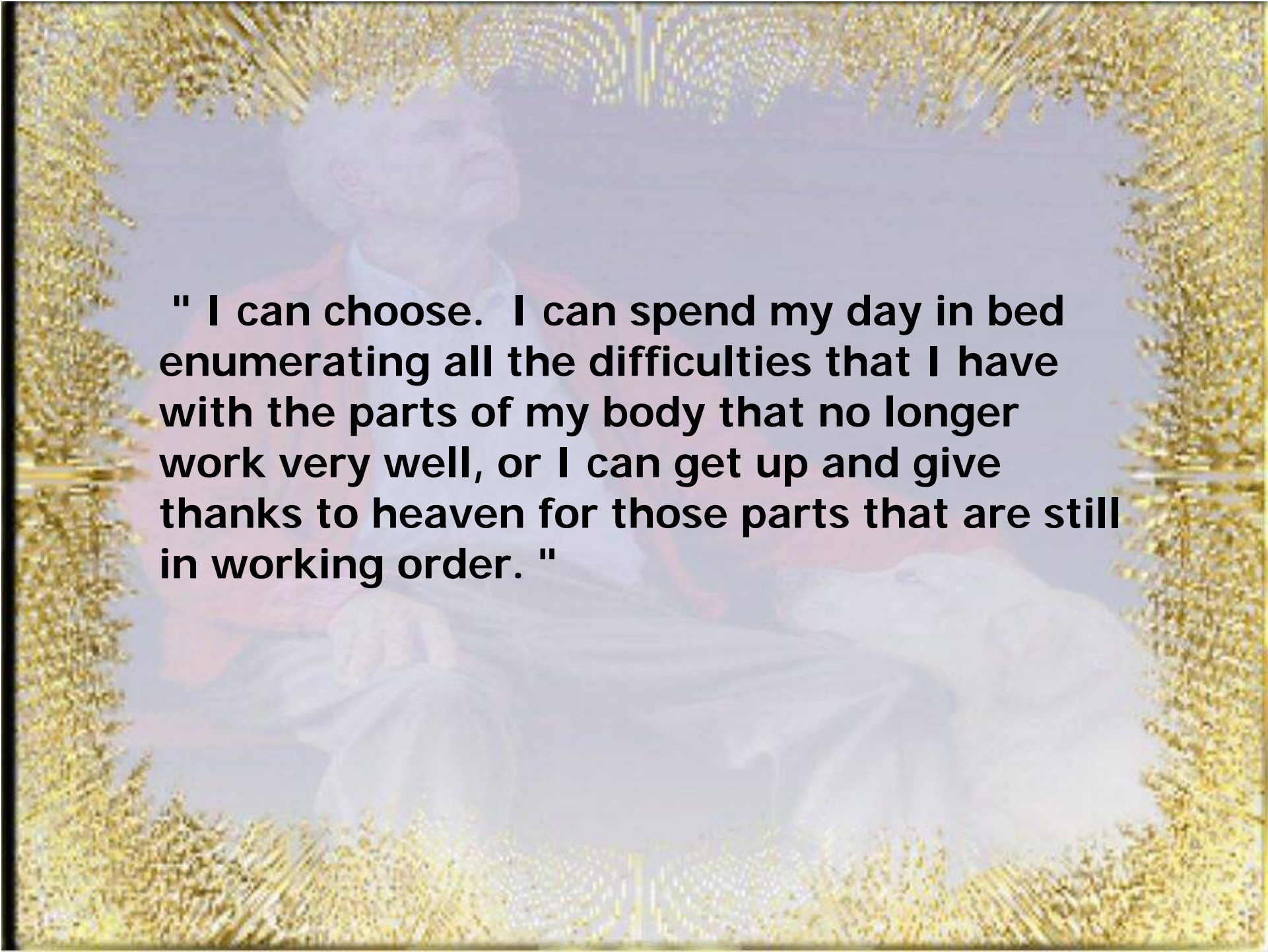
- "Sir, you haven't even seen the room yet, hang on a moment, we are almost there. "



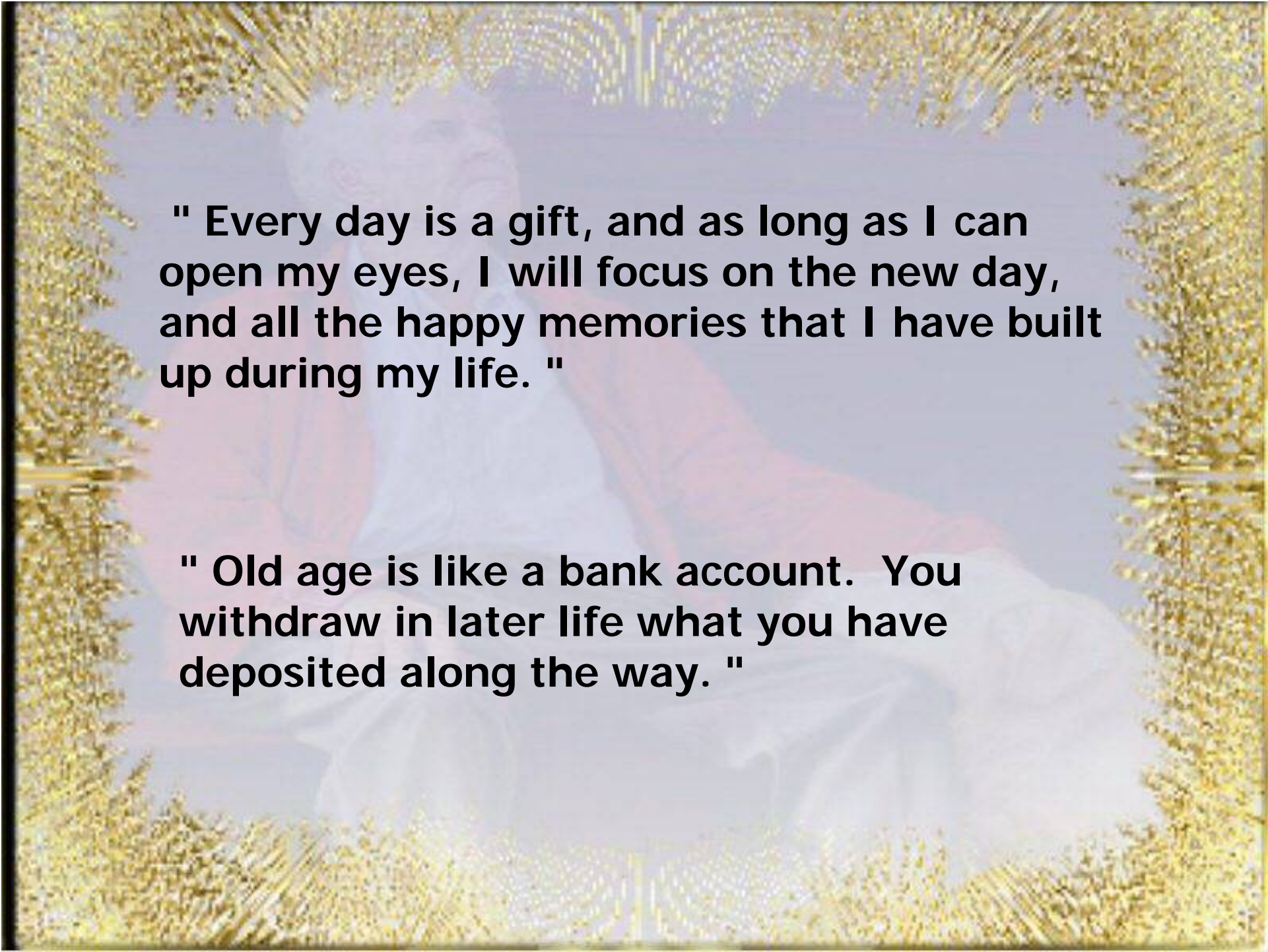
" That has nothing to do with it ", he replies.

" Happiness is something I choose in advance. Whether or not I like the room does not depend on the furniture, or the decor – rather it depends on how I decide to see it. "

" It is already decided in my mind that I like my room. It is a decision I take every morning when I wake up. "

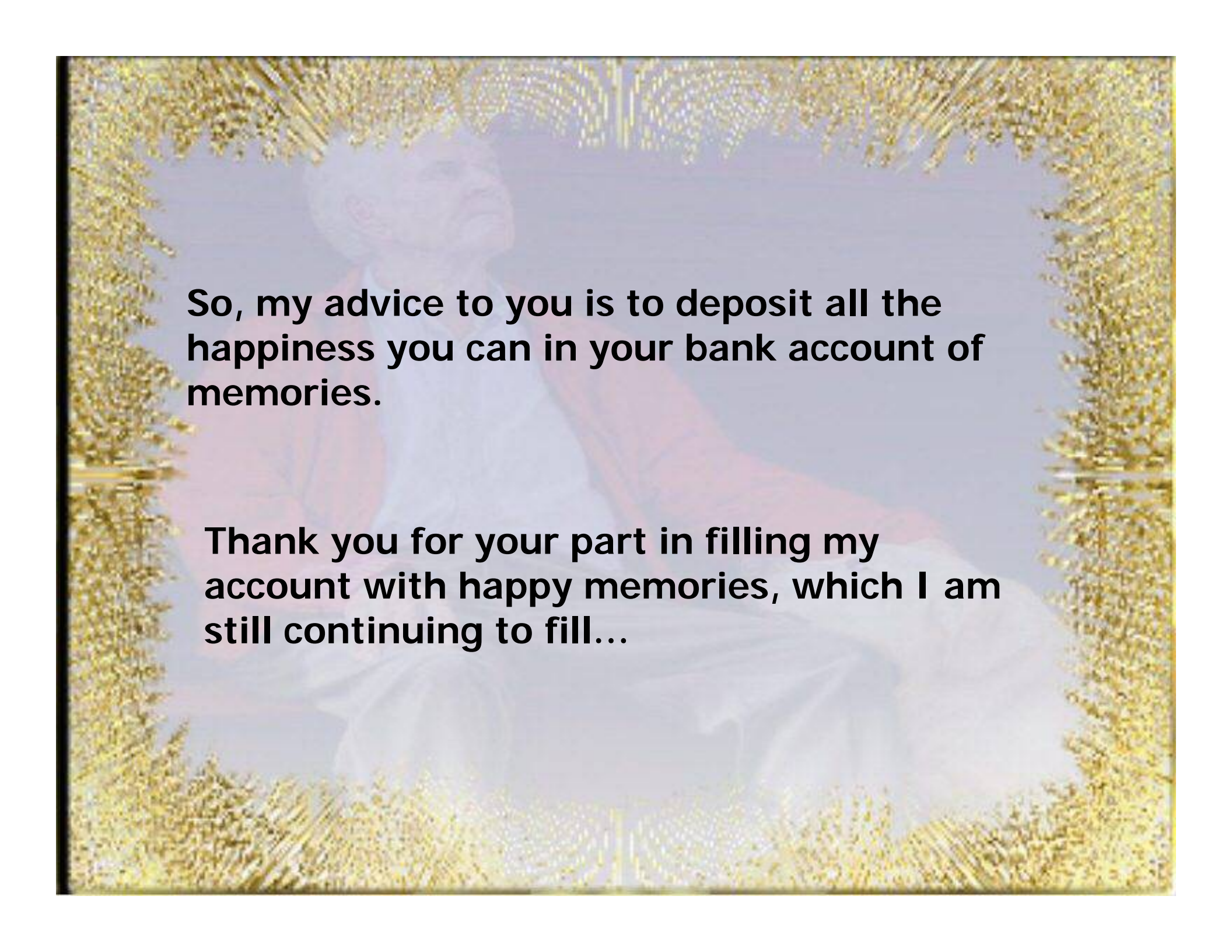


" I can choose. I can spend my day in bed enumerating all the difficulties that I have with the parts of my body that no longer work very well, or I can get up and give thanks to heaven for those parts that are still in working order. "

A woman in a white dress is sitting in a field of tall, golden grass. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black font.

" Every day is a gift, and as long as I can open my eyes, I will focus on the new day, and all the happy memories that I have built up during my life. "

" Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw in later life what you have deposited along the way. "

A woman with short grey hair, wearing a white dress, is sitting in a field of tall, golden grass. She is looking upwards and to the right. The image is framed by a thick, golden, textured border. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with more grass and a pale sky.

So, my advice to you is to deposit all the happiness you can in your bank account of memories.

Thank you for your part in filling my account with happy memories, which I am still continuing to fill...

Remember these simple guidelines for happiness.

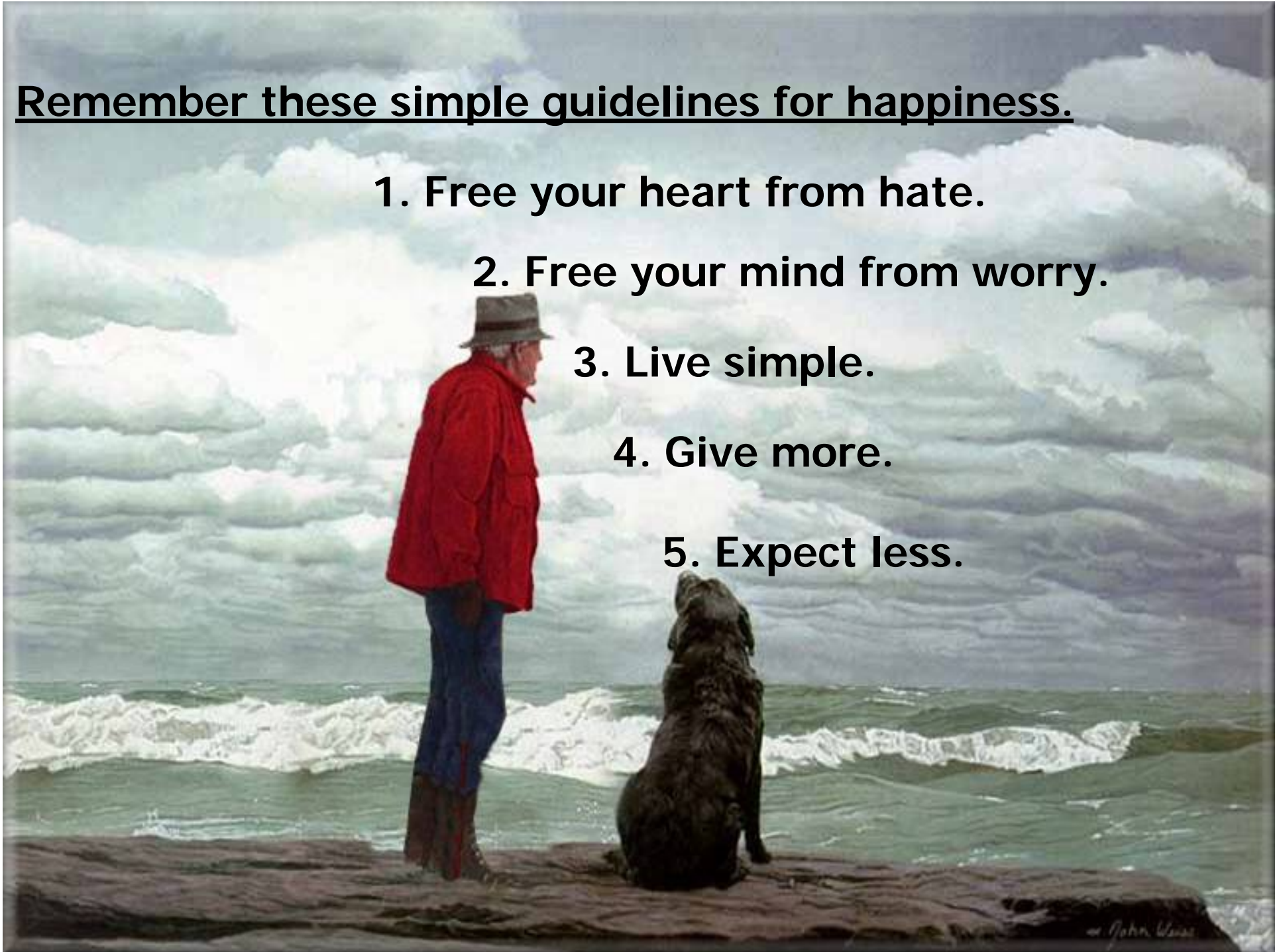
1. Free your heart from hate.

2. Free your mind from worry.

3. Live simple.

4. Give more.

5. Expect less.



If you have been blessed by this message, send it to your loved ones and your friends....it is the way we touch each other with simple truths that spread goodness in the world. Who knows a miracle may happen as a result...

Have A Blessed Day !!

