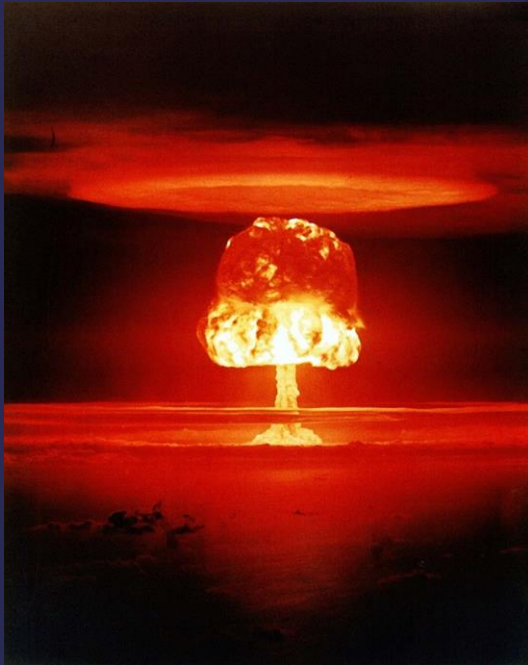


# The World Has Always Been a Mess

But we still know love



**YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD.**

**APOCALYPSE**

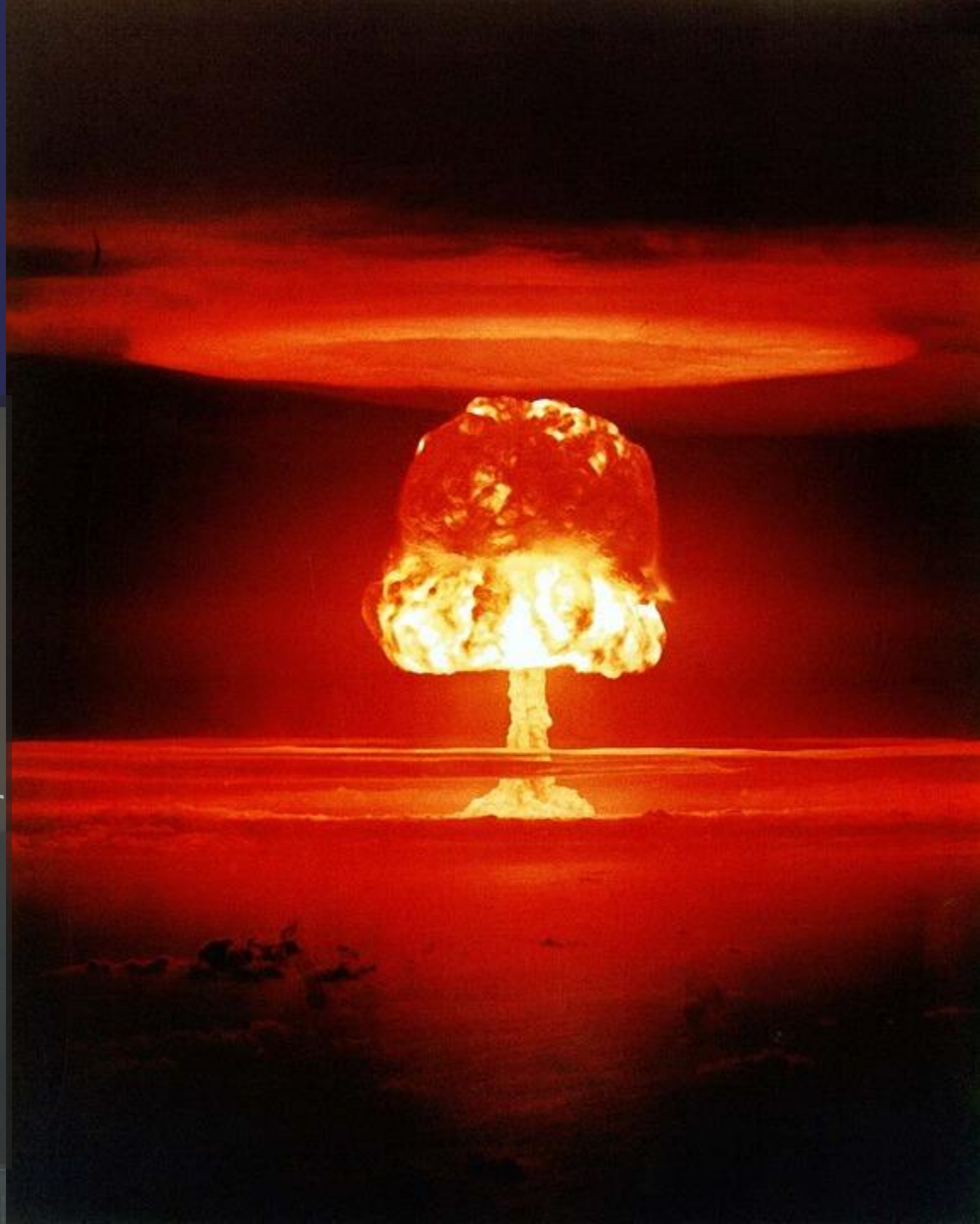
**I do not think it means  
what you think it means.**


Disclaimer: If you hear this talk as a call to complicity and denial, you're not listening.

- SPOILER: The point is this: We need a secure base to love and act passionately and courageously in a messed-up world.
- (And if you're afraid that things are now so far gone that there is no secure base anymore, then you're losing your foundation for action and love.)

# The world I grew up in was already a mess:

- Nuclear arms race meant the planet's life and future were in jeopardy (and several times we came really, really close!!!)
- Vietnam was an insane waste of human life for terrible reasons, full of lies – bottom line was to protect corporate profits
- Normal government response was assassination – at home or abroad
- LGBTQ+ rights were just barely being imagined – (but mostly deep denial or secrecy were the only options)





...when kings  
went out to war  
(2 Samuel 11.1)

.from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten  
they filled twelve baskets  
(John 6.12-13)

