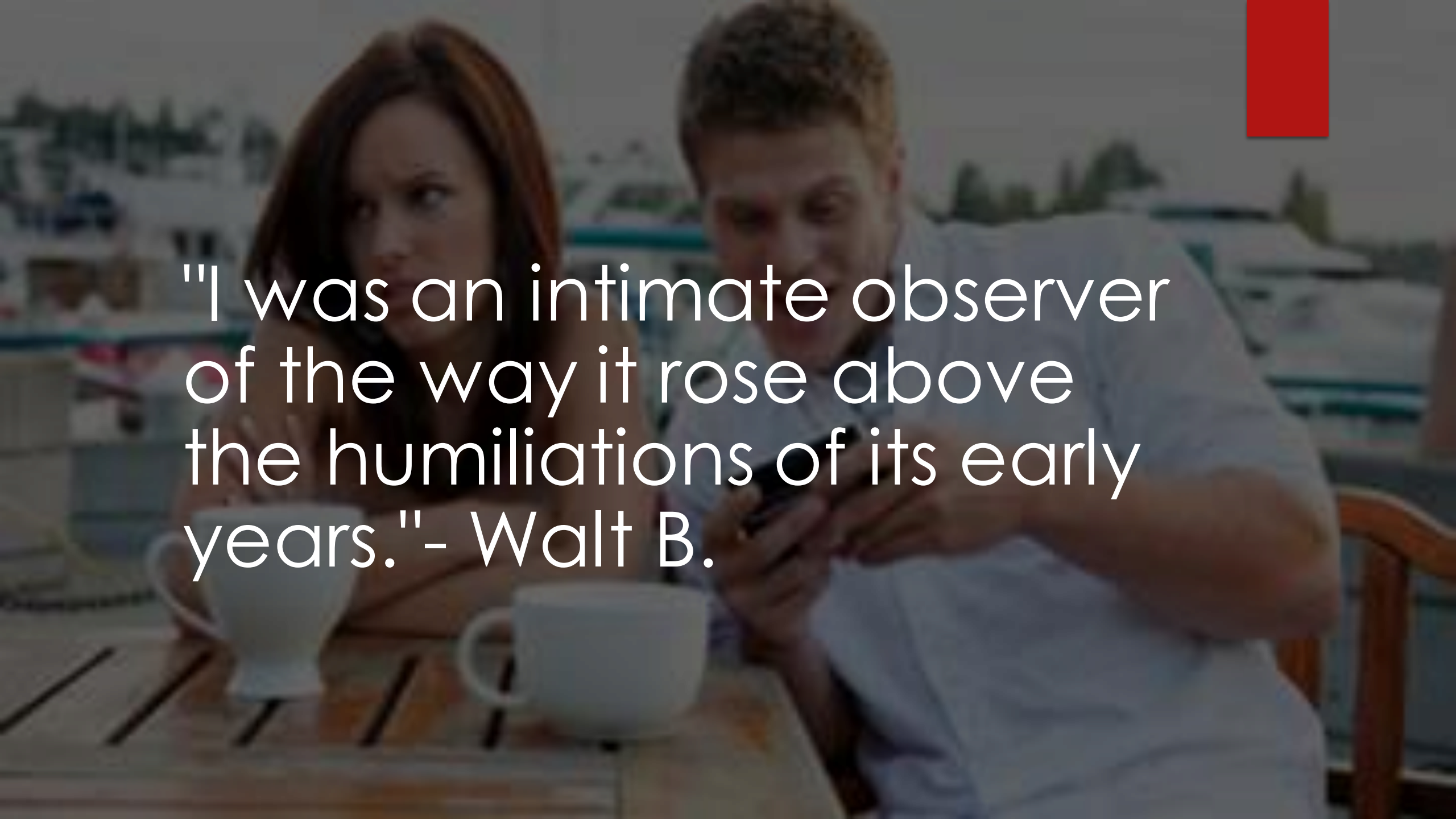


Walt Benjamin & The Telephone



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A man and a woman are sitting at a table outdoors, possibly at a cafe or restaurant. They are both looking at a smartphone held by the man. There are two white coffee cups on the table. The background is slightly blurred, showing some greenery and a building. A red vertical bar is visible in the top right corner of the image.

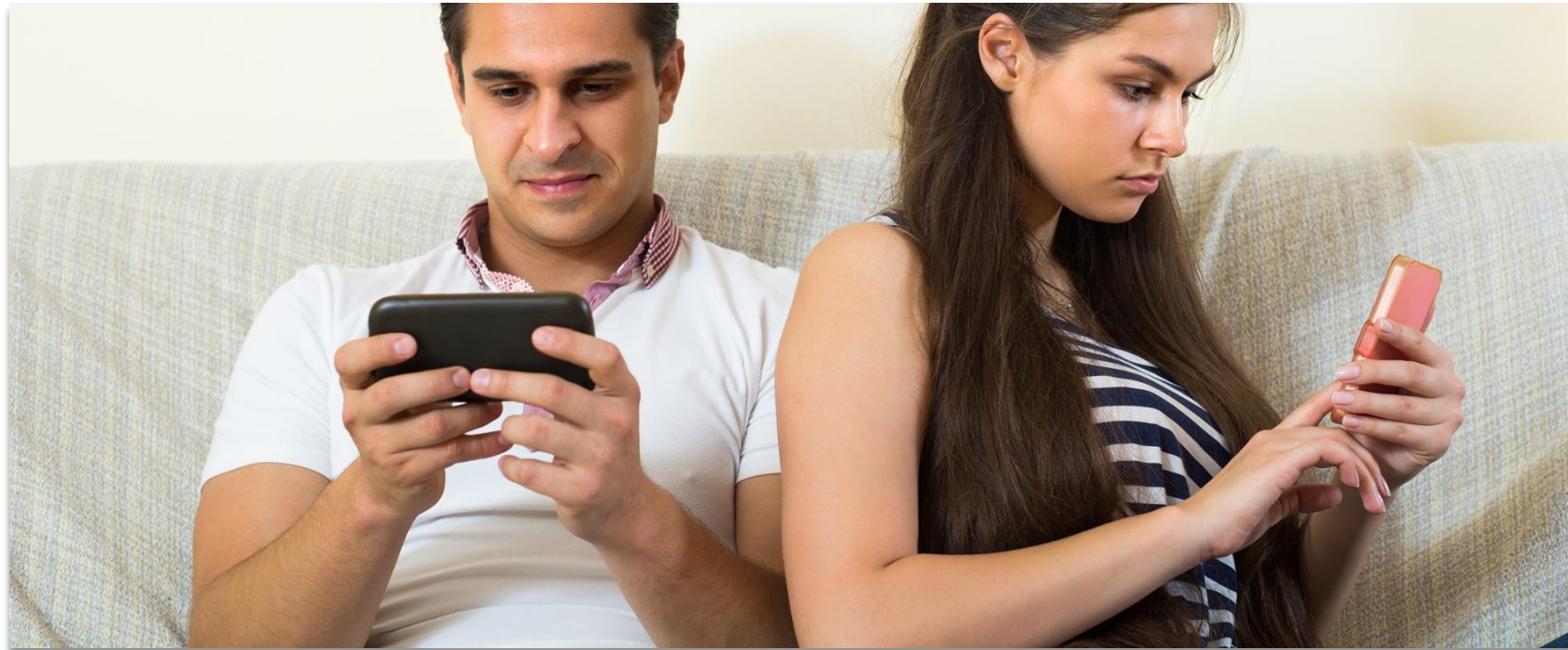
"I was an intimate observer of the way it rose above the humiliations of its early years." - Walt B.



▶ Walter saw that some things did not go as planned, and witnessed the wrongs of what he saw to come.



"For the latter, it became a consolation for their loneliness." - Walt B.




Phones still to this day bring the negative of anti-socialism within this world because people become so attached that it makes them feel like everything around them is not there.

**"To the despondent
who wanted to
leave this wicked
world, it shone with
the light of a last
hope." Walt B.**



▶ Spending too much time alone on your phone can alter your social life. It can actually make you believe you don't need anyone else in life but yourself.





▶ "Not many of those who use the apparatus know what devastation it once wreaked in family circles."- Walt B.



People are known to use their apparatus' in numerous occasions to escape from their surroundings. For example, using a phone to get away from everyone so you don't have to converse with one another.

• "The sound with which it rang between two and four in the afternoon, when a school friend wished to speak to me, was an alarm signal that menaced not only my parents' midday nap but the historical era that underwrote and enveloped this siesta."- Walt B.



The art of the telephone was the idea that people could call you at any time, especially during important times of the day. It is also used for other things like waking you up in the morning.



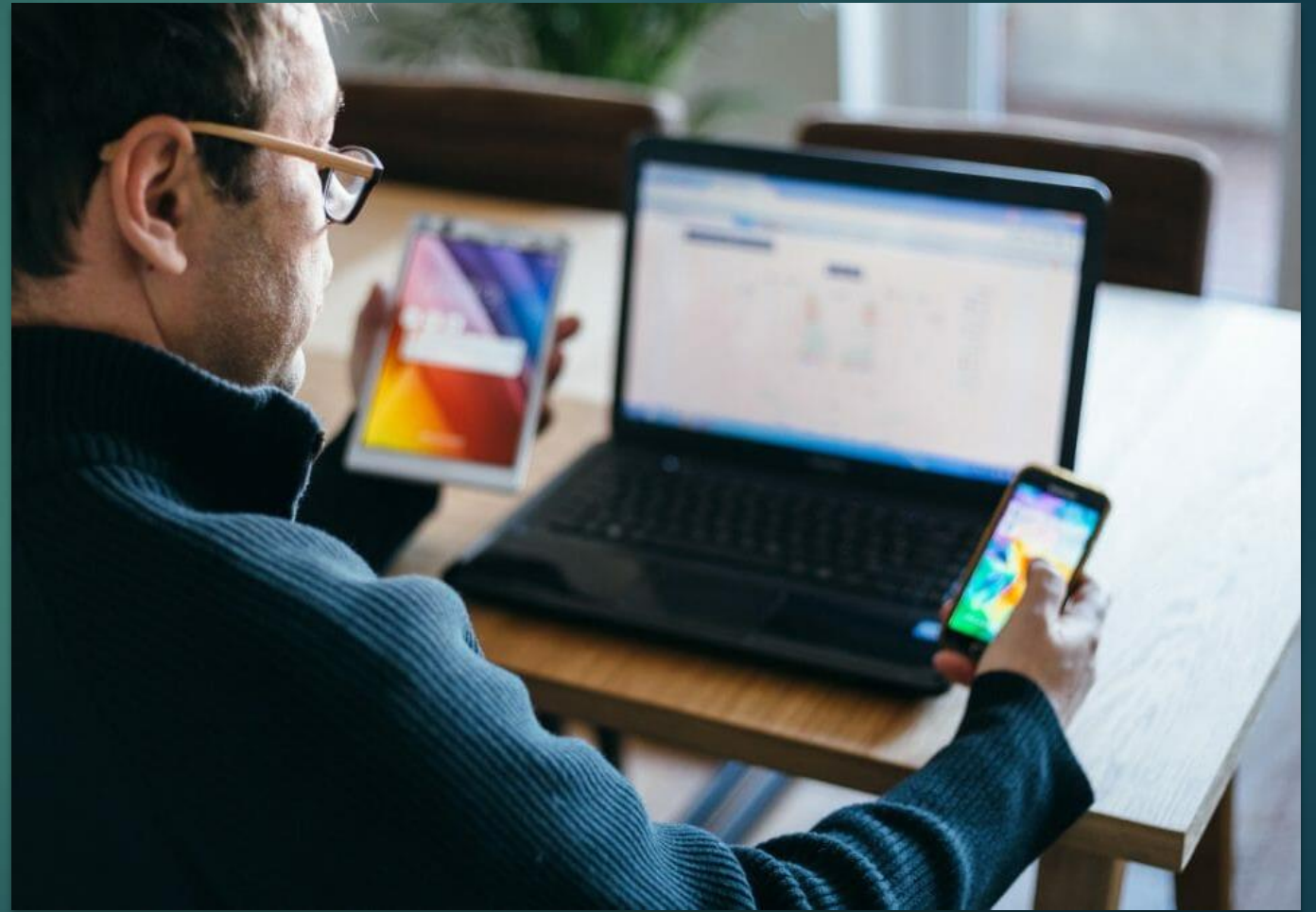
▶ "At that time, the telephone still hung- an outcast settled carelessly between the dirty-linen hamper and the gasometer-in a corner of the back hallway, where its ringing served to multiply the terrors of the Berlin household." - Walt B.





- Walt and his family felt terrorized from the ringing due to the magnitude of calls they were receiving and fear of who may be on the other line.

▶ "Powerless, I suffered, seeing that it obliterated my consciousness of time , my firm resolve, my sense of duty." - Walt B.





Walt is experiencing different emotions coming out and explaining to himself what is really happening to him during this process. He feels as if he is a victim of the telephone and that it is stripping him of control over his own life.

My Conclusion

I have come to see just how much this information relates to real life today. I myself participate in the activities on these slides, and I'm sure many people in this world do as well. It is so easy to become addicted to technology and let it take over your life. To be able to escape from reality for just a short while and have some peace of mind is something most people look for every day. Unfortunately, this means spending a lot more time on phones and a lot less time interacting with people face to face. The number one thing to remember is to keep in touch with others such as family, friends, etc. Doing this presentation has inspired me to do these things more so I can live a more full life.



THE END

Thank You