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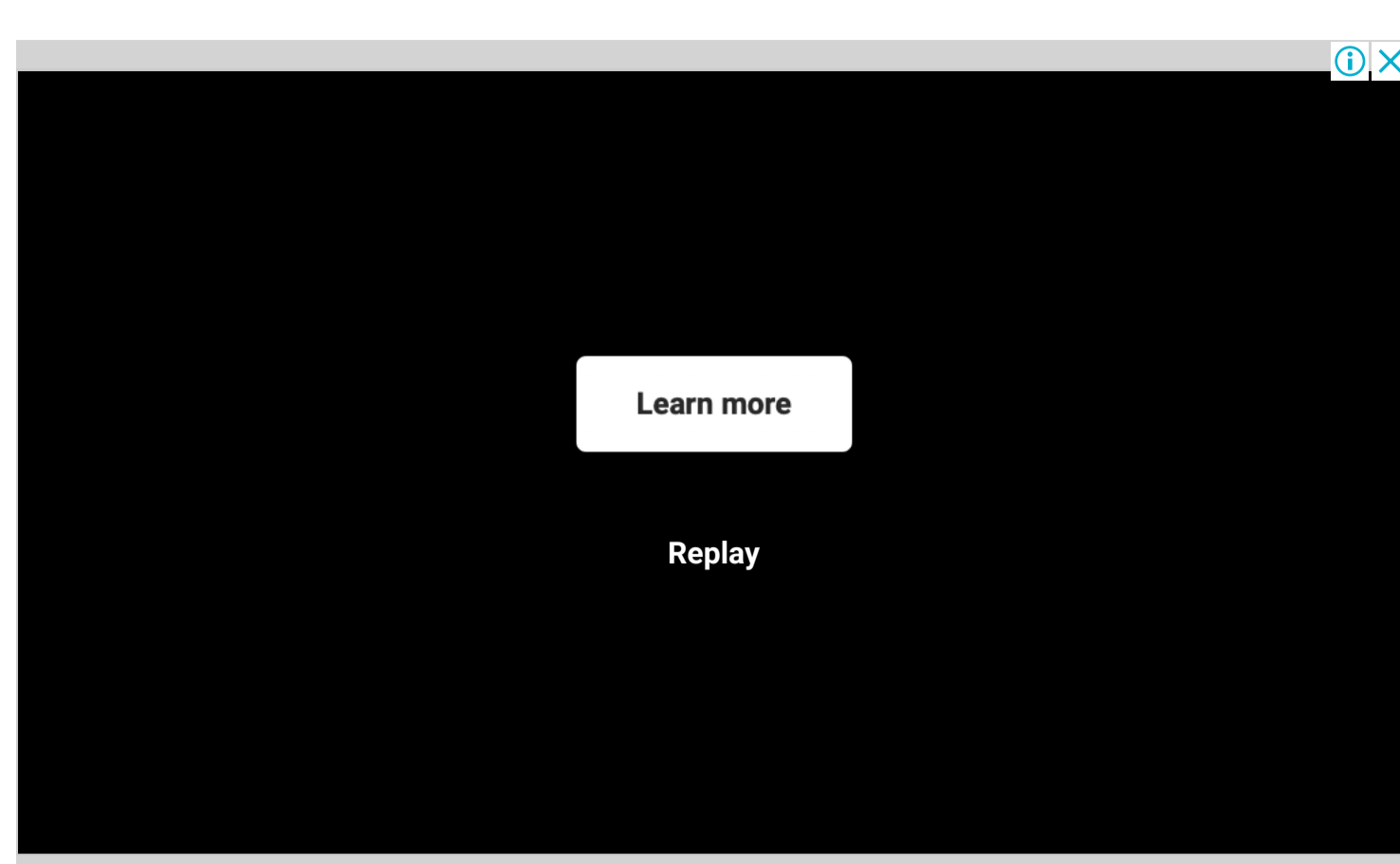
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eschatology noun

es·cha·tol·o·gy (e-skə-ˈtā-lə-jē)

plural **eschatologies**

- : a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind
- : a belief concerning death, the end of the world, or the ultimate destiny of humankind
specifically : any of various Christian doctrines concerning the Second Coming, the resurrection of the dead, or the Last Judgment

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Indeed, part of what gives modern trauma theory its appeal is precisely its covert importation of Judeo-Christian redemptive *eschatology*: a grand narrative of human moral progress in which suffering is an essential motivation for all the principal actors.

—Will Self, *Harper's Magazine*, 23 Nov. 2021

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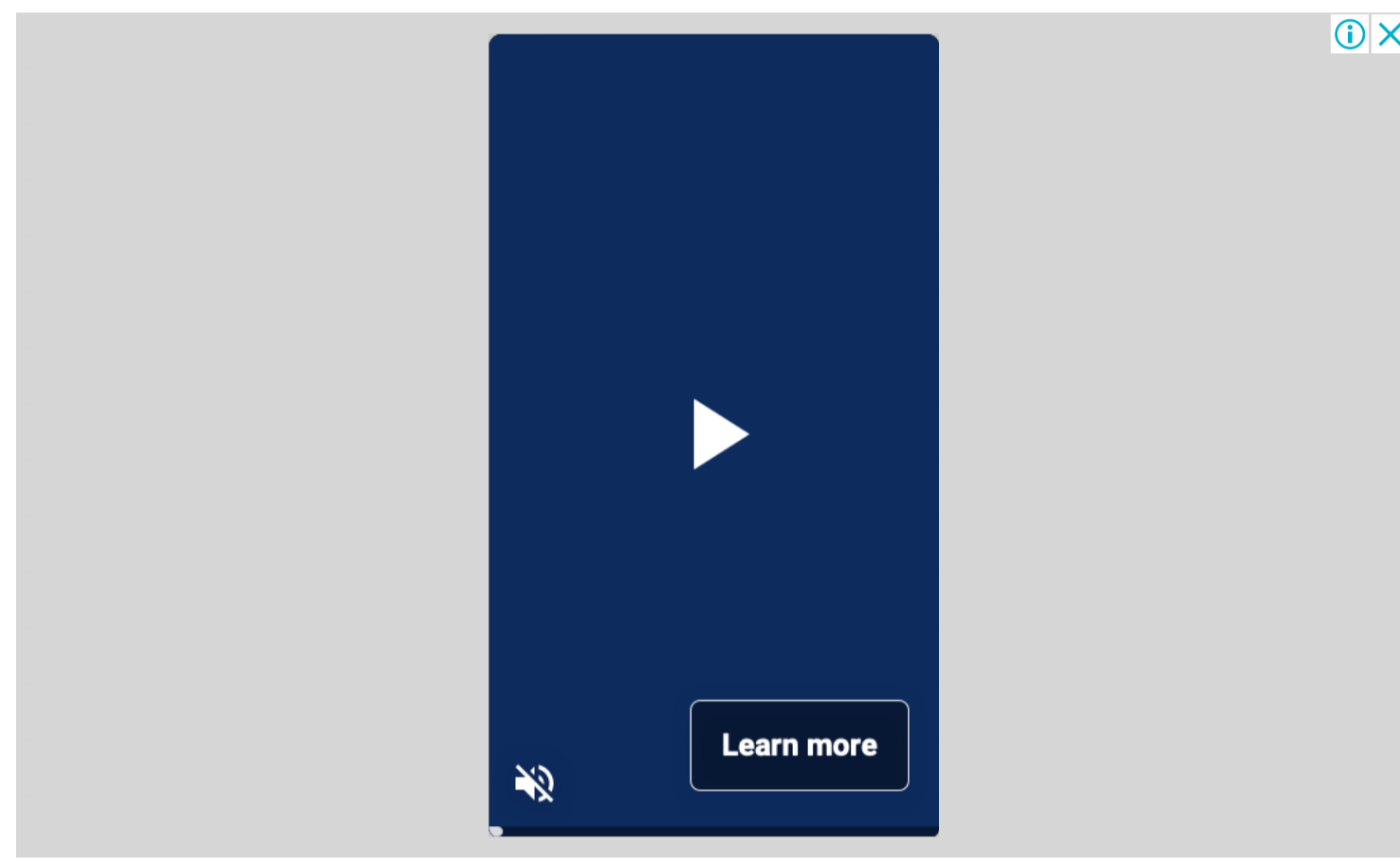
—Corey S. Powell, *Discover Magazine*, 19 Oct. 2010

But the year 2012 likely never figured into Maya *eschatology*, the study of end times — that one was all us.

—Nathaniel Scharping, *Discover Magazine*, 21 Dec. 2020

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Etymology

Greek *eschatos* last, farthest

First Known Use

1838, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *eschatology* was in 1838

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