



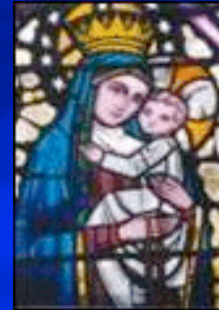
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# Apostasy and the Emerging Church

The Emerging Church – Road to Rome

The Emerging Church – Road to Babylon



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# Revelation 17: 1-5

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

# Revelation 17: 1-5

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

# Nothing New Under The Sun

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

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# From God to the gods

And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

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Jeremiah 11: 9-11

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# The Creation of Man

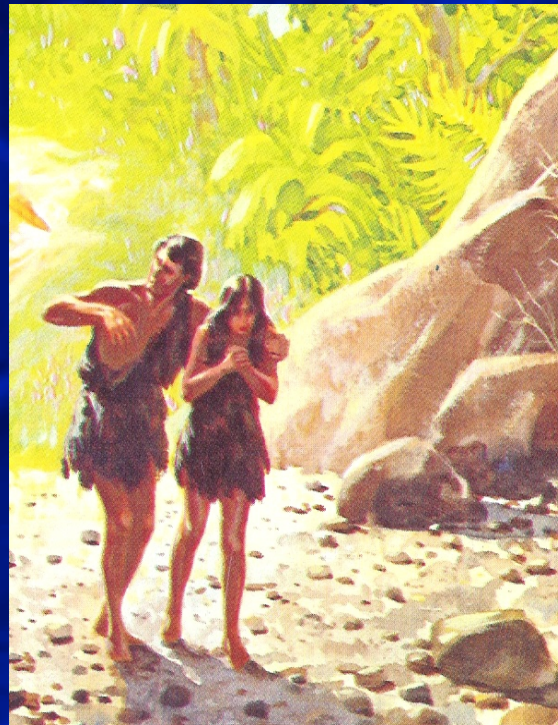
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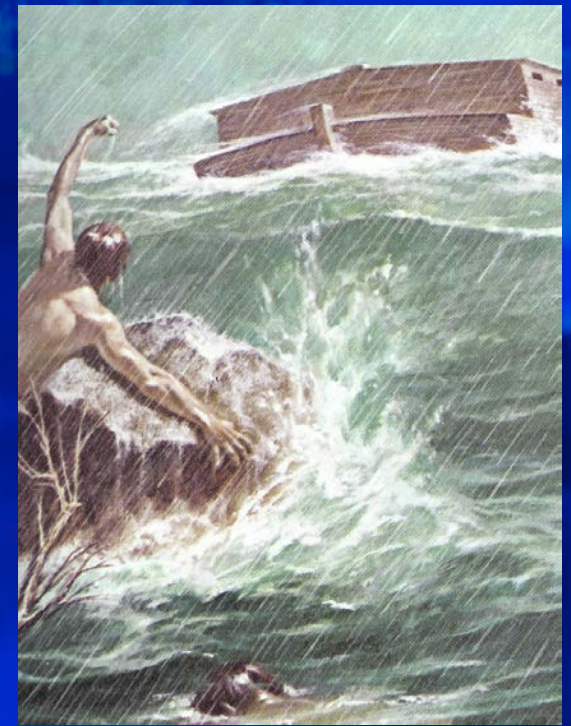
# The Fall



# The Curse



# The Flood



Hath God said?

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# The Babylonian System

- Rebellion against God and His Word
- A plan to join together politically
- A plan to join together economically
- A plan to join together spiritually
- God was angered by the plan
- God stopped the plan



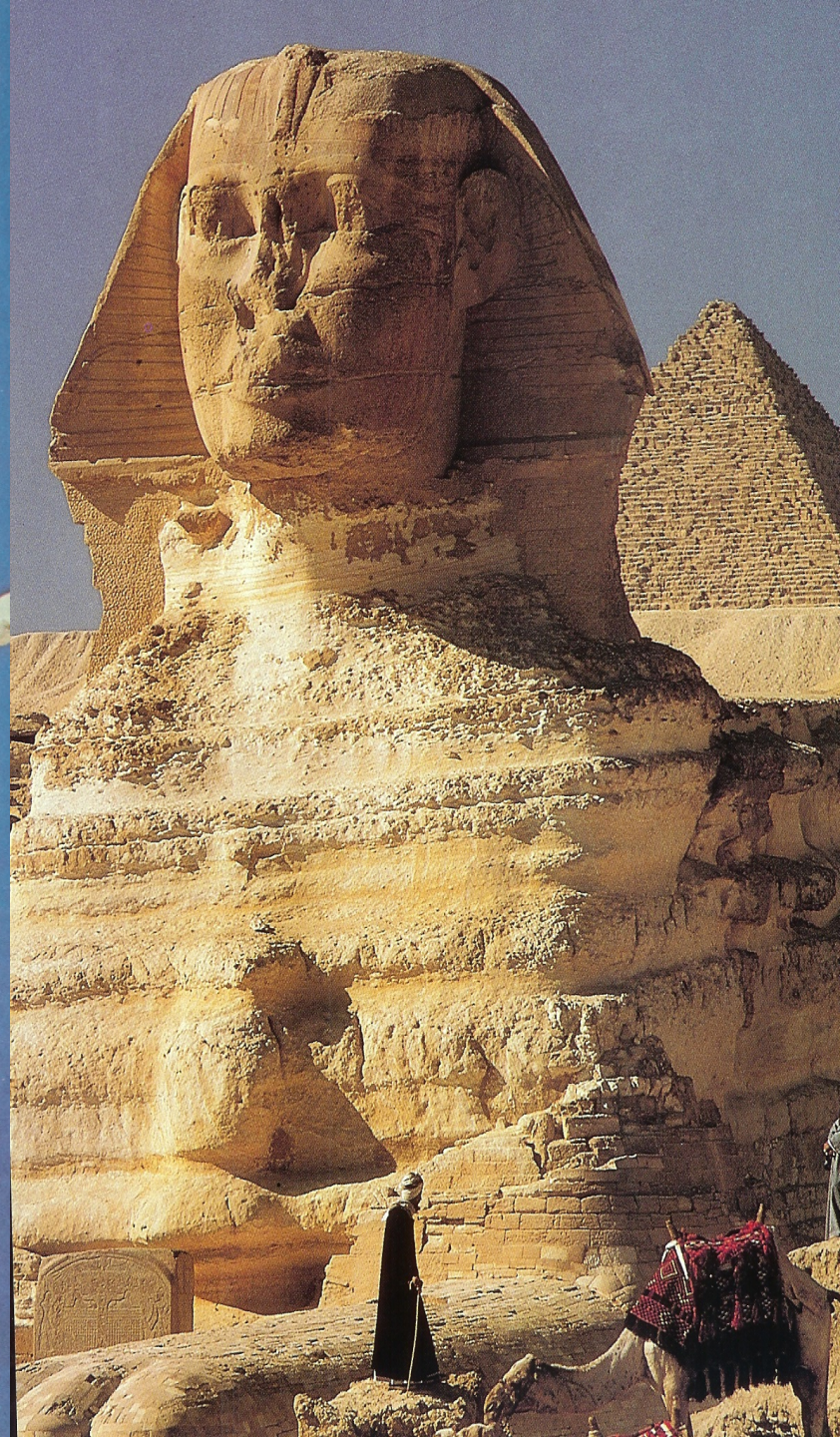












# The Birth of Israel

Abraham



Moses



# God's Promise and Warning

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

# From God to the gods

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

Judges 2: 11-12

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# Asharah



High Places





# Satan's Plan for Fallen Man

gods



Man



God



# Satan's Last Days Plan

To Deceive the  
World in the Name  
of the Savior

By reconstructing the  
Babylonian plan and a  
one world religion

# A Peace Problem in Last Days

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12: 2-3

# The Peace Plan for the Last Days

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

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# The Counterfeit Peace Plan

- A last days peace plan will seduce the world
- This plan is not from God
- This plan will be inspired by Satan
- This plan will likely be in the name of Christ
- This plan will set up the religion of the antichrist
- Satan wants to be king of the world
- God's peace plan will occur when the Prince of Peace returns to set up His Kingdom

# Satan's Three Part Plan by Man

- Global political plan by **man** 6
- Global economic plan by **man** 6
- Global spiritual plan by **man** 6
- The number of man in the Bible is "6"

This is the 6-6-6 plan



Four Peace Plans  
by Man  
for the future  
hope of man

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One:

# The United Nations Plan

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# the family of nations

By 1980, the world's population is expected to reach 5 billion.

In fact, the world's population has doubled the population of just one century. "World" means global, and the word "population" means all people that live on this globe. Global population is not a static concept. It is a dynamic concept, and it is constantly changing. The growth of the world's population has been rapid and steady. It is expected that by the year 2000, the world's population will reach 5 billion. This growth is not uniform. Some areas are growing faster than others. In fact, the world's population is growing so fast that it is expected to reach 6 billion by the year 2000. This growth is not uniform. Some areas are growing faster than others. In fact, the world's population is growing so fast that it is expected to reach 6 billion by the year 2000.



**Imperfect union**  
The 193 nations of the world can be made to work together, but they are not doing so. They are not doing so because they are not doing so. They are not doing so because they are not doing so. They are not doing so because they are not doing so.

When nations are in league with nations, it is the substance of "national interest." But what if national interest is not the only thing that counts? What if global interests are also important? What if global interests are also important? What if global interests are also important?



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- 1975-1985  
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- 2000-2005  
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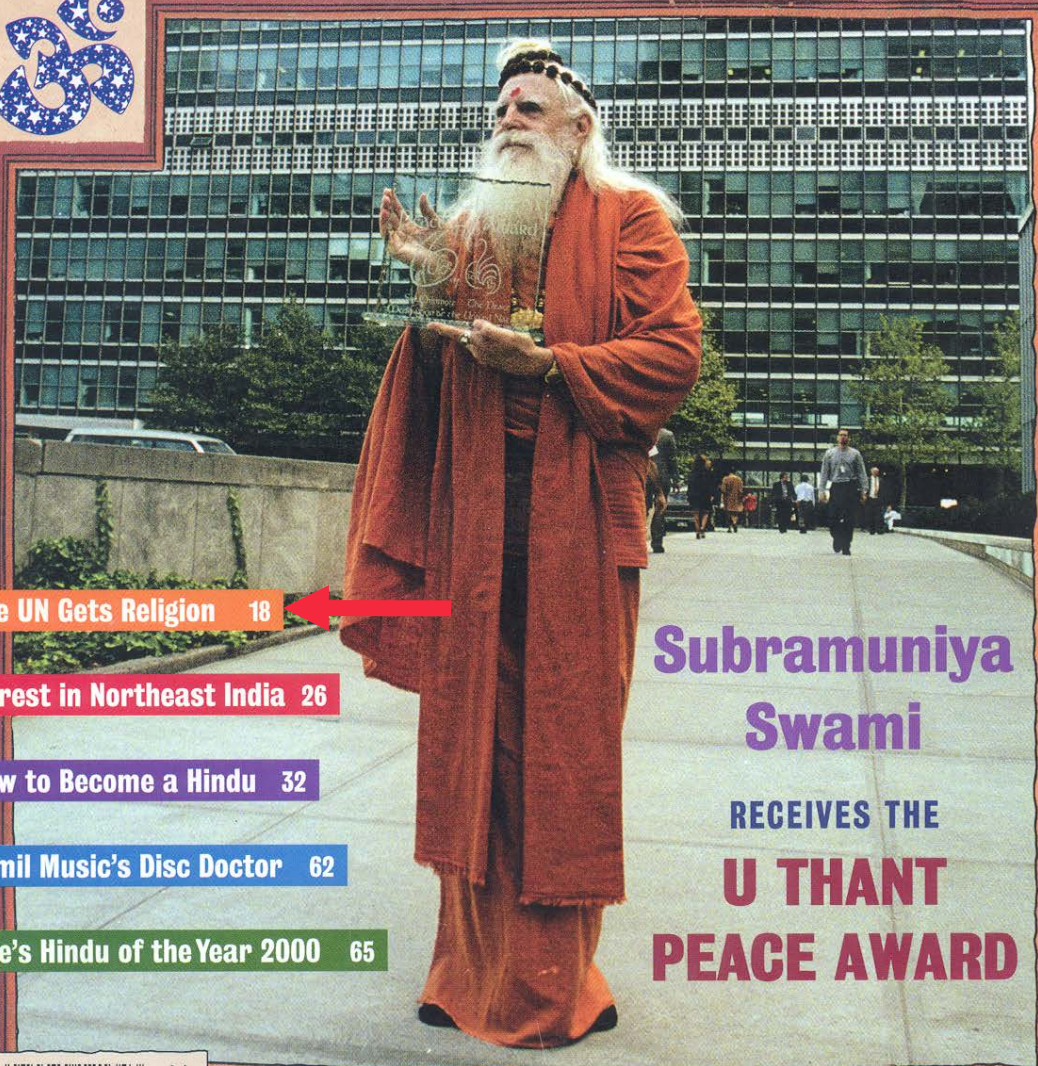
**Challenges to the world's nations**  
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# World Religious Leaders Gather at United Nations



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More than one thousand religious leaders from 50 nations gathered from August 28 to September 1 in an unprecedented meeting at the United Nations. They had come together to harness the power of faith to bring about tolerance, peace and dialogue among warring nations. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan appealed to the leaders to help the UN bring world peace. Organizer Bawa Jain said, "The General Assembly hall of the UN will become a sanctuary where the prayers and blessings of our esteemed religious leaders will permeate these walls and leave their imprint for years to come."

Hinduism Today, November/December, 2000, page 19

The hall was then steeped in prayers offered from nearly every faith on Earth: Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, Shinto, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Indigenous faiths, Sikhism, Taoism and Bahai.

# Turning Point: Ted's Gospel of Peace and Love



"I've been thinking of this conference for a lot of years. When I was a little boy, I was very religious. I was born into a Christian family and went to a Christian school, and I became a Christian, just like you become whatever you are exposed to as a child. I was going to be a man of the cloth. I'd be sitting out there with you, and I would have loved that life. I really would. I was going to be a missionary. First I studied Christianity, but later I started studying the world's great religions and reading and was always thinking.

So what we have to do now is work together. A lot of terrible things have been done in the name of religion over the past thousands of years, and we can't afford it anymore. Now we've got nuclear weapons, poison gas and land mines and aerial bombardment, and it's not safe...

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# The United Nations Plan



- Global political cooperation
- Global economic cooperation
- Global spiritual cooperation

Two:

# The Mother Earth Plan



# EARTH IN THE BALANCE



ECOLOGY  
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The richness and diversity of our religious tradition throughout history is a spiritual resource long ignored by people of faith, who are often afraid to open their minds to teachings first offered outside their own system of belief. But the emergence of a civilization in which knowledge moves freely and almost instantaneously throughout the world has led to an intense new interest in the different perspectives on life in other cultures and has spurred a renewed investigation of the wisdom distilled by all faiths. This

panreligious perspective may prove especially important where our global civilization's responsibility for the earth is concerned.

Native American religions, for instance, offer a rich tapestry of ideas about our relationship to the earth. One of the most moving and frequently quoted explanations was attributed to Chief Seattle in 1855, when President Franklin Pierce stated that he would buy

# Pope John Paul II

This sensitivity to the changes wrought by civilization on the earth is also evident in new statements from the leaders of Western religions (Pope John Paul II) for example, in his message of December 8, 1989, on humankind's responsibility for the ecological crisis, said: "Faced with the widespread destruction of the environment, people everywhere are coming to understand that we cannot continue to use the goods of the earth as we have in the past . . . (a new ecological awareness) is beginning to emerge which rather than being downplayed, ought to be encouraged to develop into concrete programs and initiatives." In concluding, the pope directly addressed his "brothers and sisters in the Catholic church, in order to remind them of their serious obligation to care for all of creation. . . . Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God."

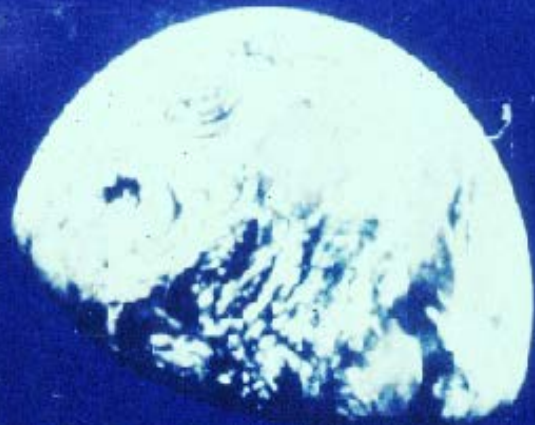
# Teilhard de Chardin

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that many believers and non-believers alike share a deep uneasiness about the future, sensing that our civilization may be running out of time. The religious ethic of stewardship is indeed harder to accept if one believes the world is in danger of being destroyed — by either God or humankind. This point was made by the Catholic theologian Teilhard de Chardin when he said, “The fate of mankind, as well as of religion, depends upon the emergence of a new faith in the future.” Armed with such a faith, we might find it possible to resanctify the earth, identify it as God’s creation, and accept our responsibility to protect and defend it. We might even begin to contemplate decisions

# AI Gore

And if we could find a way to understand our own connection to the earth — all the earth — we might recognize the danger of destroying so many living species and disrupting the climate balance. James Lovelock, the originator of the Gaia hypothesis, maintains that the entire complex earth system behaves in a self-regulating manner characteristic of something alive, that it has managed to maintain critical components of the earth's life support systems in perfect balance over eons of time — until the unprecedented interference of modern civilization: “We now see that the air, the

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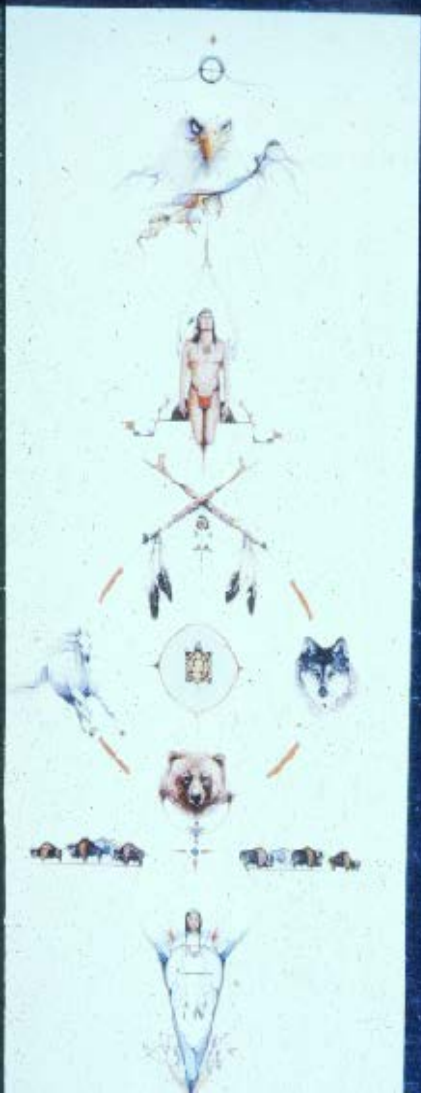
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# MOTHER EARTH SPIRITUALITY

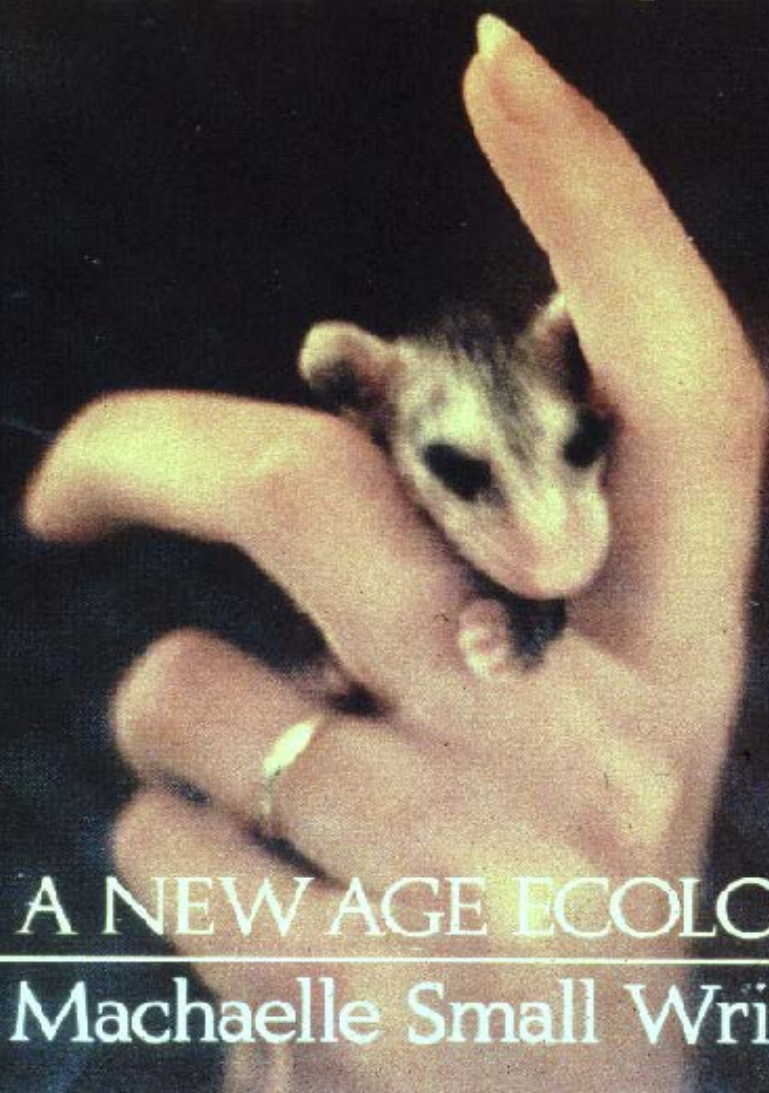
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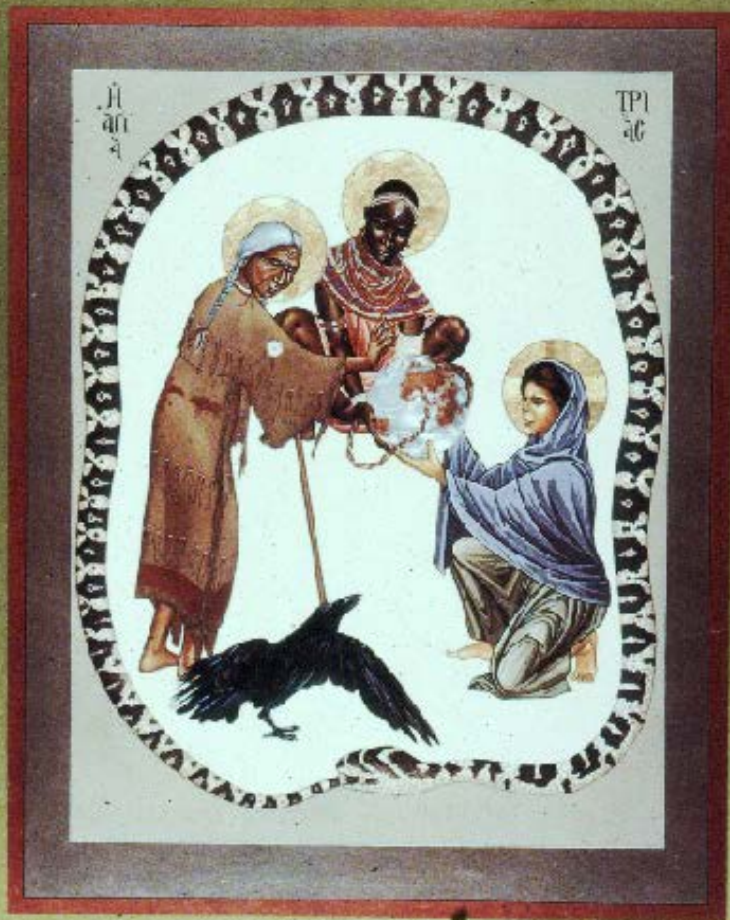
# BEHAVING AS IF THE GOD IN ALL LIFE MATTERED

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# CREATION SPIRITUALITY

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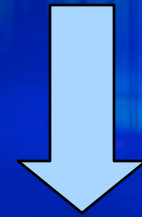
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# The Mother Earth Plan

- Global politics
- Global economics
- Global spirituality



Three:

# The Vatican Plan

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"Believing in Biblical creation is  
absurd"



**Pope: Creation vs. evolution an 'absurdity'  
Benedict XVI also says humans must listen**

# Pope Benedict Calls For New World Order

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## Pope urges unity against terrorism



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Pope Benedict, in his first Christmas address, on Sunday urged humanity to unite against terrorism, poverty and environmental blight and called for a "new world order" to correct economic imbalances.

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The Pope made his comments to tens of thousands of pilgrims gathered under umbrellas in a rainy St Peter square for his "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world) message and blessing.

In his address, telecast live from the central balcony of St Peter's Basilica to tens of millions of people in nearly 40 countries, he also urged his listeners not to let technological achievements blind them to true human values.

He said humanity should look to the Christ child for encouragement in times of difficulty and fear.

"A united humanity will be able to confront the many troubling problems of the present time: from the menace of terrorism to the humiliating poverty in which millions of human beings live, from the proliferation of weapons to the pandemics and the environmental destruction which threatens the future of our planet," he said.

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"Do not fear; put your trust in him! The life-giving power of his light is an incentive for building a new world order based on just ethical and economic relationships," he said, speaking in Italian.

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# Pope Calls on Magi of Today for Peace

The need emerged for a new world order in economic and political spheres but also and especially in cultural and spiritual spheres, that is, a renewed humanism. A new social, political and economic order does not work if there is no spiritual renewal, if we do not find God.



# Fatima to Become Interfaith Shrine

## Portugal News, November 1, 2003

Delegates attending the Vatican and United Nations (UN) inspired annual interfaith congress "The Future of God", held during October in Fatima, heard how the Shrine is to be developed into a centre where all the religions of the world will gather to pay homage to their various gods. The Congress was held in the Paul VI Pastoral Centre and presided over by the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon José de Cruz Policarpo.

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# Director of Shrine of Fatima



Monsignor Guerra pointed out that the very fact that Fatima is the name of a Muslim and Mohammed's daughter, is indicative that the Shrine must be open to the co-existence of various faiths and beliefs. According to the Monsignor: "Therefore we must assume that it was the will of the Blessed Virgin Mary that this comes about this way."

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# Jesuit Priest - Father Jacques Dupuis

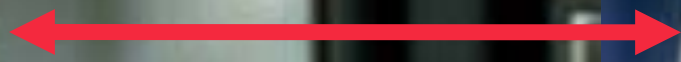


"The religion of the future will be a general converging of religions in a universal Christ that will satisfy all. The other religious traditions in the world are part of God's plan for humanity and the Holy Spirit is operating and present in Buddhist, Hindu and other sacred writings of Christian and non-Christian faiths as well. The universality of God's kingdom permits this, and this is nothing more than a diversified form of sharing in the same mystery of salvation.

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# MARY

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# A Message from "Mary"

"It is God the Father's wish to reunite all the religions and the races, for them to become only one community and the Eucharist to become the center of all the religions and races... I want all religions to be reunited, the races to be reunited, I want only one religion, only one love, because God is love."

"Our Lady is Appearing in Rome," Online posting, <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/6832/msg976.htm>, May 16, 2000. Messages given on June 21, 1997 and June 26, 1997

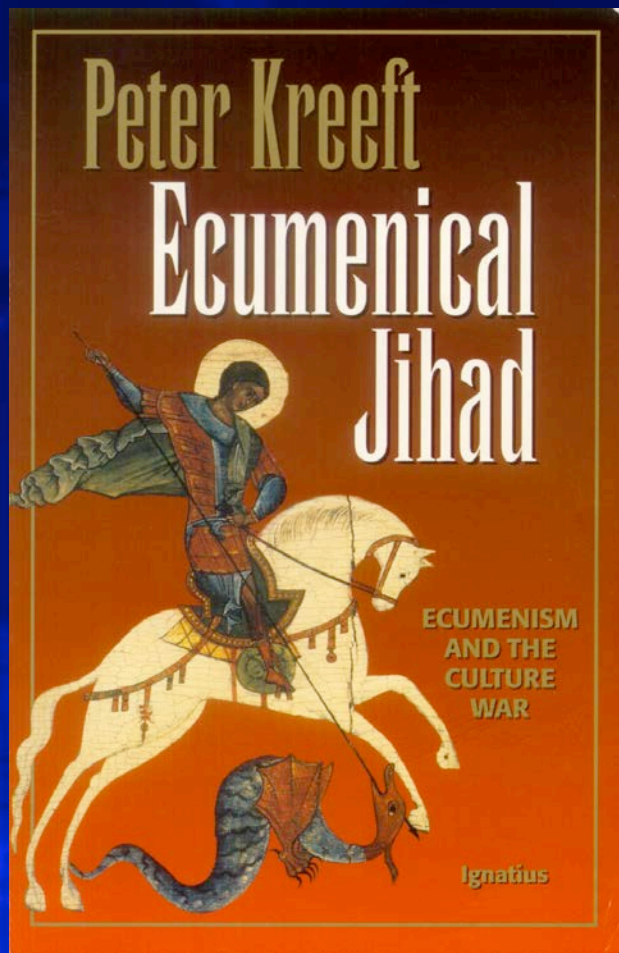
# The Mary Connection

## Marian Messages Centered on

All the messages ~~Europe~~ ~~from~~ ~~St~~ ~~God~~ and everywhere that I am appearing, I am speaking about the same things, because through the triumph of the Eucharist the Mother wants all the Churches to be reunited, so that there will be only one Church for all the people.

"Apparitions of Our Lady and Eucharistic Miracles in Rome," Online posting, [www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/6832/msg972.htm](http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/6832/msg972.htm), January 23, 2000. Message given on Feb., 16, 1997.

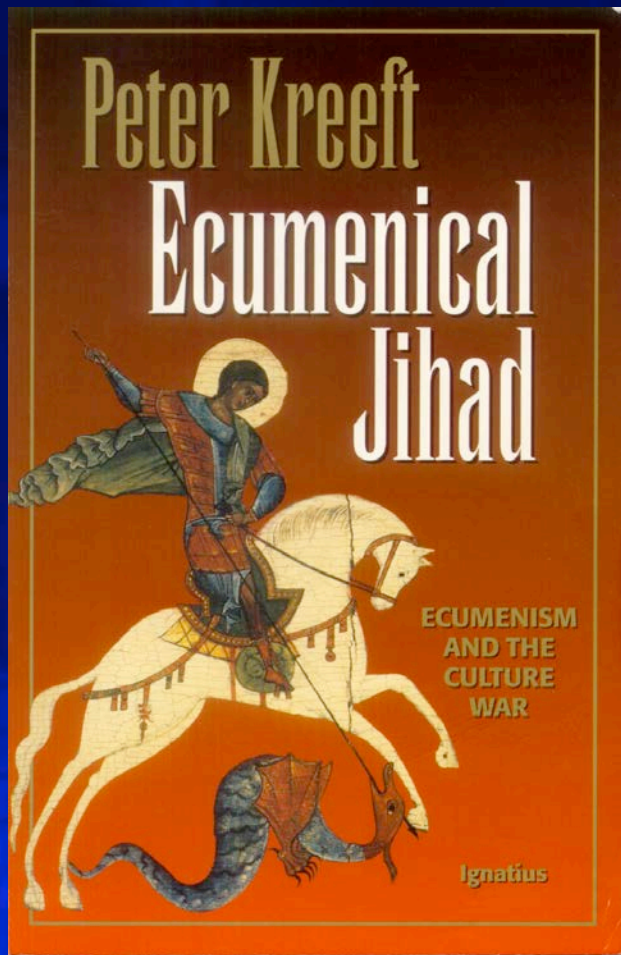
# Eucharistic Conversions




No Catholic dogma is so distinctive and so apparently anti-ecumenical as the dogma of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Yet this dogma may be the greatest cause of ecumenism and eventual reunion.

Peter Kreeft, *Ecumenical Jihad*,  
Ignatius Press, 1996, page 145

# Eucharistic Adoration





# Eucharistic Reign of Jesus

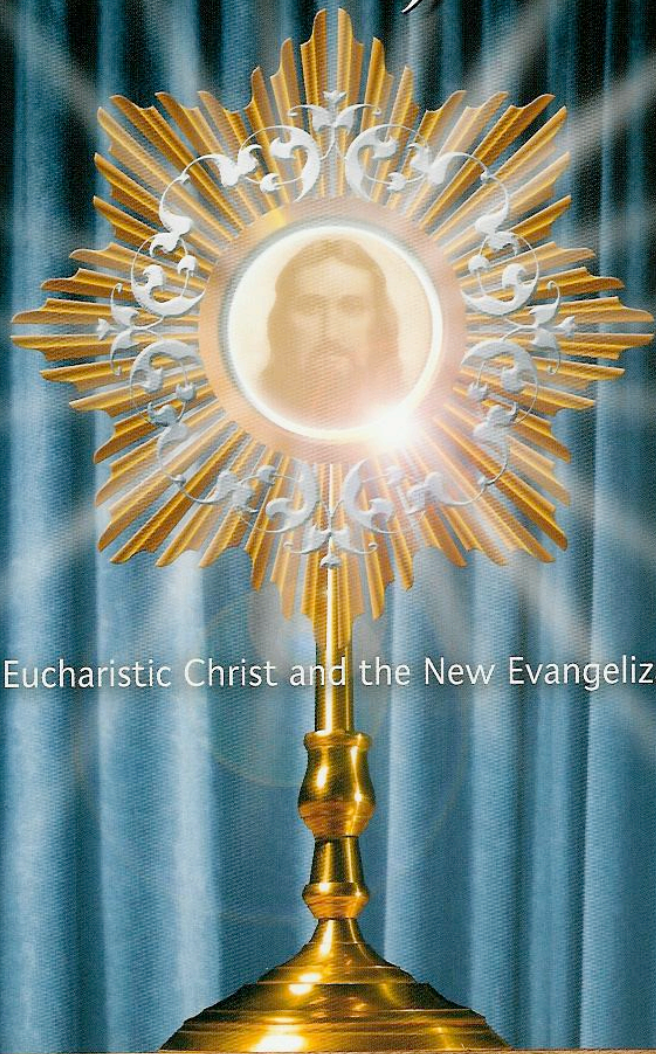
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# The Triumph of the Eucharist

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The Eucharistic Christ and the New Evangelization

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# Vatican Three Legged Stool Plan



New World Order and a One World Religion

- Global political governance
- Global economic governance
- Global religious unity in the name of the “Eucharistic Christ”

Four:

# A Purpose Driven PEACE Plan

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# The Purpose Driven Plan

- This is the latest hope plan
- This plan is also being promoted by man
- The plan includes the P.E.A.C.E. plan
- Many evangelical Christians are enlisting
- The plan is very ecumenical
- The plan calls for global politics
- The plan calls for global economics
- The plan calls for the “inclusive” church

# Pastor Rick Warren and the Three Legged Stool Plan

Interview with Tim Russet, December 24, 2006

Regarding a Plan to Defeat the Planet's Five Biggest Giants



A one-legged stool will fall over, a two-legged stool will fall over, and business and government alone cannot solve these problems. They haven't, or they would've. The third leg of the stool is the churches. There's a public sector role, there's a private sector role and there's a faith sector role.

Michael Ireland, "Rick Warren Talks about AIDS,

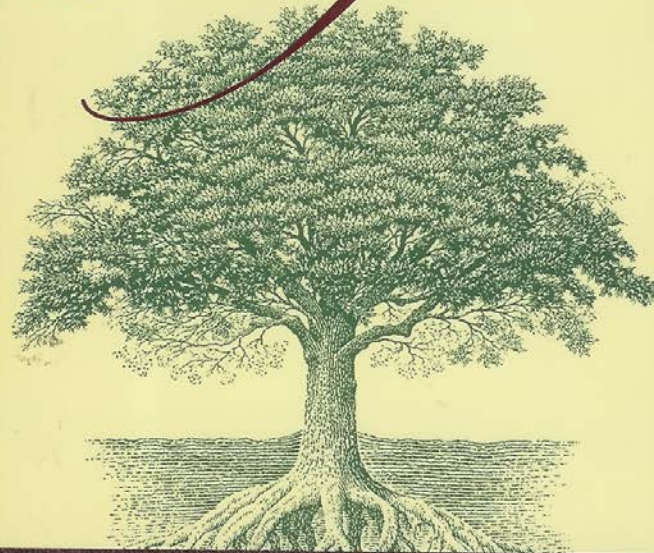
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# Rick Warren on Bible Prophecy

When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to evangelism. He wanted them to concentrate on their mission to the world. He said in essence, "The details of my return are none of your business. What is your business is the mission I have given you. Focus on that!"

Speculating on the exact timing of Christ's return is futile, because Jesus said, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Since Jesus said he didn't know the day or hour, why should you try to figure it out? What we do know for sure is this: Jesus will not return until everyone God wants to hear the Good News has heard it. Jesus said, "The Good News about God's kingdom will be preached in all the world, to every nation. Then the end will come." If you want Jesus to come back sooner, focus on fulfilling your mission, not figuring out prophecy.

# Rick Warren on Bible Prophecy

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# **“Rick Warren Hits Home Run with Announcement of Global Peace Plan to Battle Giants of Our World.”**

Warren unveiled the church's commitment to a new reformation in Christianity and vision for a worldwide spiritual awakening in the 21st Century through the PEACE Plan that he believes will mobilize one billion foot soldiers from the Christian church in missions by the year 2020.

<http://assistnews.net/stories/s05040087.htm>



# P.E.A.C.E. Plan

(P) – Planting Churches to Partnering  
to “Promoting Reconciliation”

(E) – Equipping Leaders

(A) – Assisting the Poor

(C) – Caring for the Sick

(E) – Educating the next generation

# Warren's Words

I'm looking at a stadium full of people who are telling God they will do whatever it takes to establish God's Kingdom 'on earth as it is in heaven.' What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, "We are yours"? What kind of spiritual awakening will occur?

[http://www.biblicalrecorder.org/content/news/2005/4\\_19\\_2005/ne190405rick.shtml](http://www.biblicalrecorder.org/content/news/2005/4_19_2005/ne190405rick.shtml) (emphasis added)

# The Third Leg of the Purpose Driven Stool

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Michael Ireland, “Rick Warren Talks about AIDS, Celebrity Status, Elections, January 9, 2007, <http://www.crosswalk.com/news/religions/1460297.html>

churches = faith sector

# Definition of Faith Sector

When I go out and I start telling people, “Do you want to work with us on poverty, disease, AIDS, illiteracy, injustice?” I often find people are more unwilling to work with us than we are willing to work with them. In other words, we’re saying, “You don’t have to change your beliefs for s to work with you.” If you can only work with people that you agree with, then most of the world, you’re ruling out. Okay. I don’t insist that a Moslem change his belief for me to work on poverty. I don’t even insist that a gay person has to change their beliefs. They’re not going to accept my belief, or I’m not going to accept theirs.

Rick Warren Interview with Charlie Rose, August 17, 2006, <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5555324196046364882>

# Definition of Faith Sector

Now when you get 25 percent of America, which is basically Catholic, and you get 28 to 29 percent of America which is evangelical together, that's called a majority. And it is a very powerful bloc, if they happen to stay together on particular issues... I would encourage you to look at this evolving alliance between evangelical Protestants and Catholics.

Rick Warren, PEW Forum, Key West, Florida, May 23, 2005, <http://pewforum.org/events/index.php?EventID=80>

# Last Days Apostasy

Will be characterized by a spiritual deception and a move towards a one world religion

But how could those who have trusted and believed in the Word of God be seduced and deceived?

# Current Observations

- Evangelical Christianity is being re-invented
- A “new faith” for a new millennium
- Less and less Bible teaching
- More and more experience promoted
- No longer is Bible prophecy important
- The kingdom of God is being established
- Unity at any cost
- But not at the foot of the cross

## 2 Corinthians 11: 3-4

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.



# The Bible and the Future

**We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**

**2 Peter 1:19**

## 2 Thessalonians 2: 7-11

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

# 2 Thessalonians 2: 7-11

Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the **love of the truth**, that they might be saved. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a **lie**:

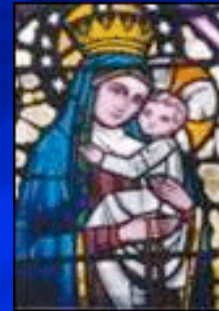
# The Great Falling Away

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

1 Timothy 4: 1

# Apostasy and the Emerging Church

## The Emerging Church – Road to Rome





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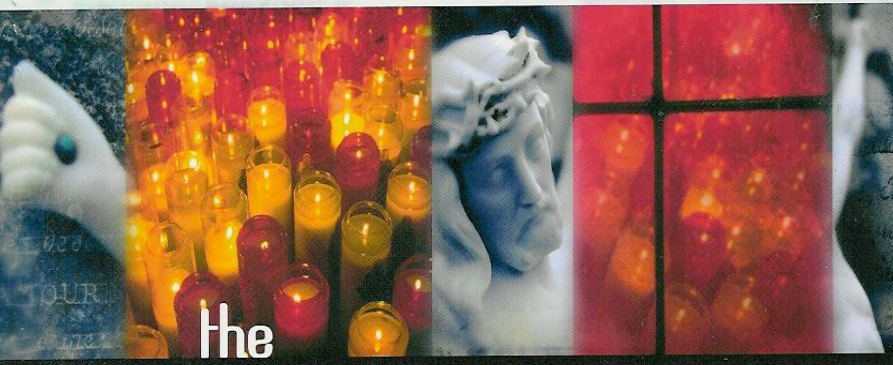
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Vintage Christianity  
for NEW GENERATIONS



Forewords by Rick Warren & Brian McLaren

WITH COMMENTARY BY: Rick Warren Howard Hendricks

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The seeker-sensitive movement revolutionized the way we did church and introduced countless baby boomers to Jesus. Yet trends show that today's post-Christian generations are not responding like the generations before them. As we enter a new cultural era, what do worship services look like that *are* connecting with the hearts of emerging generations? How do preaching, leadership, evangelism, spiritual formation, and, most of all, how we even think of "church" need to change?

THE EMERGING CHURCH goes beyond just theory and gets into very practical ways of assisting you in your local church circumstances. There is no one right way, no model for us all to emulate. But there is something better. Dan Kimball calls it "Vintage Christianity": a refreshing return to an unapologetically sacred, raw, historical, and Jesus-focused missional ministry. Vintage Christianity connects with emerging postseeker generations who are very open spiritually but are not interested in church.

For pastors, leaders, and every concerned Christian, Kimball offers a riveting and easy to grasp exploration of today's changing culture and gives insight into the new kind of churches that are emerging in its midst. Included is commentary by Rick Warren, Brian McLaren, Howard Hendricks, and others.

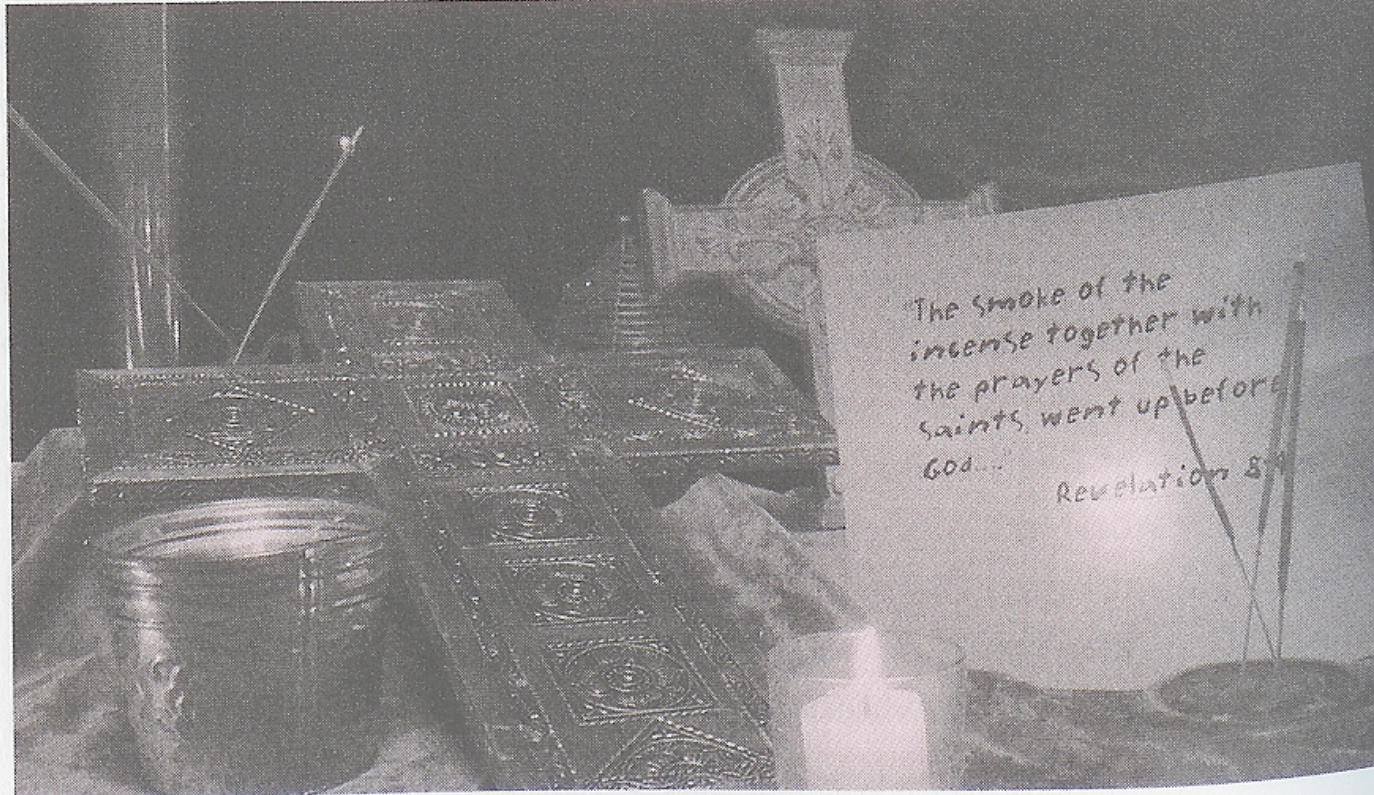


**Dan Kimball**

is the founding pastor of the "Graceland" worship services at Santa Cruz Bible Church and is launching a sister church, Vintage Faith Church, in Santa Cruz, California, designed for the emerging post-Christian culture. Dan serves on the Emergent-YS board and speaks extensively around the country.

# Dan Kimball, "The Emerging Church: Vintage Christianity for New Generations

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*The "Hymn Chair" on one side of the stage is a place where the stories behind the hymns are read. Scripture is also often read from this chair.*

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*Spaces such as this one emphasize the importance of prayer as well as encourage people to write out prayers or ask others to pray for them during the service.*

Prayer Stations

# Dan Kimball, "The Emerging Church: Vintage Christianity for New Generations

*The focus of this prayer station is a large cross made out of a mirror.*

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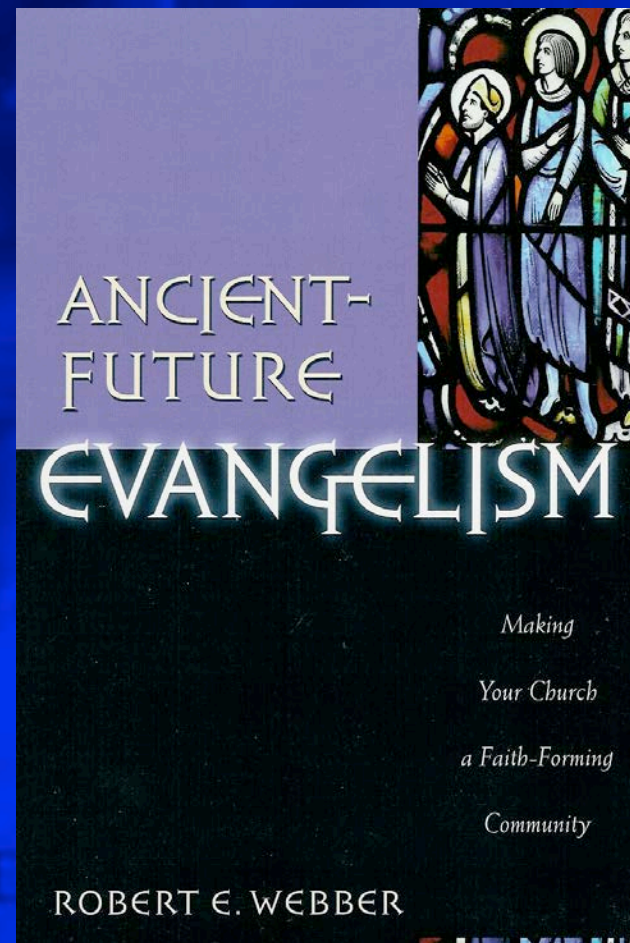
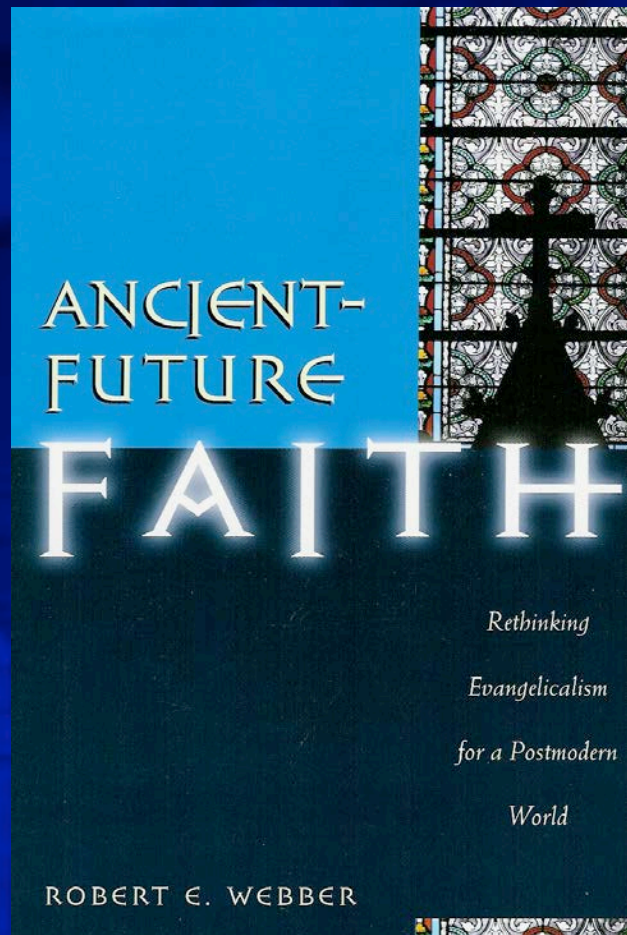
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connect with emergent people, however, we will need to look back much further than the twentieth century or even the Reformation. Ancient practices that seem to have spiritual significance for emergent people are often found in the third century, the turn of the first millennium, or the drama of worship in the Middle Ages. Learning

The truth of the gospel, carried in a language of contemporary worship and combined with rediscovered ancient practice, is what so many emergent people are hungry for.

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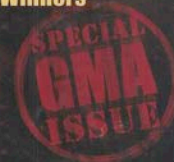
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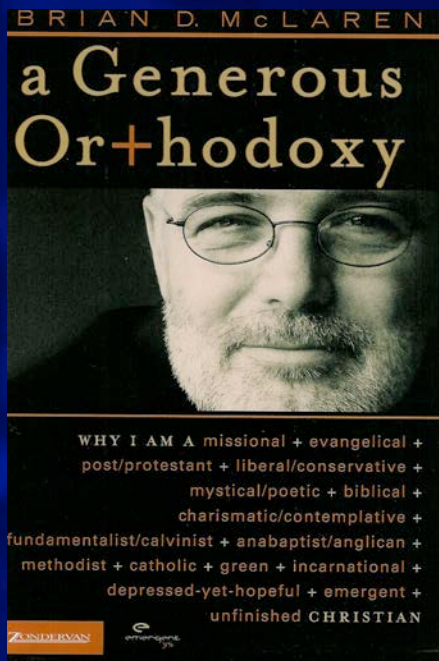


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# Contemplative Practices

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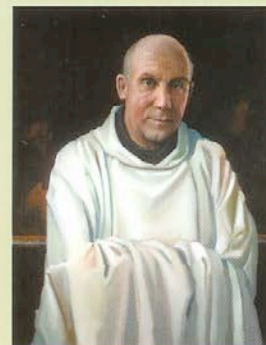


Many Christian leaders started searching for a new approach under the banner of “spiritual formation.” This new search has led many of them back to Catholic contemplative practices and medieval monastic disciplines.

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Cunningham shows that Merton's prolific writings and his continuing influence can only be understood against the background of his contemplative experience as a Trappist monk. "If one does not understand Merton as a monk," writes Cunningham, "one does not understand Merton at all."




Following the trajectory of Merton's life, starting from his entrance into the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky, in 1941, Cunningham highlights the development of Merton's monastic life against the cultural background of the American experience and the vast upheavals in the Roman Catholic Church. This unique approach clearly reveals the paradox of Merton's life. Here was a person deeply involved in the cultural struggles of his day despite having made a conscious decision to draw away from the world in silence and solitude. With both pen and voice, Merton continued to face the most

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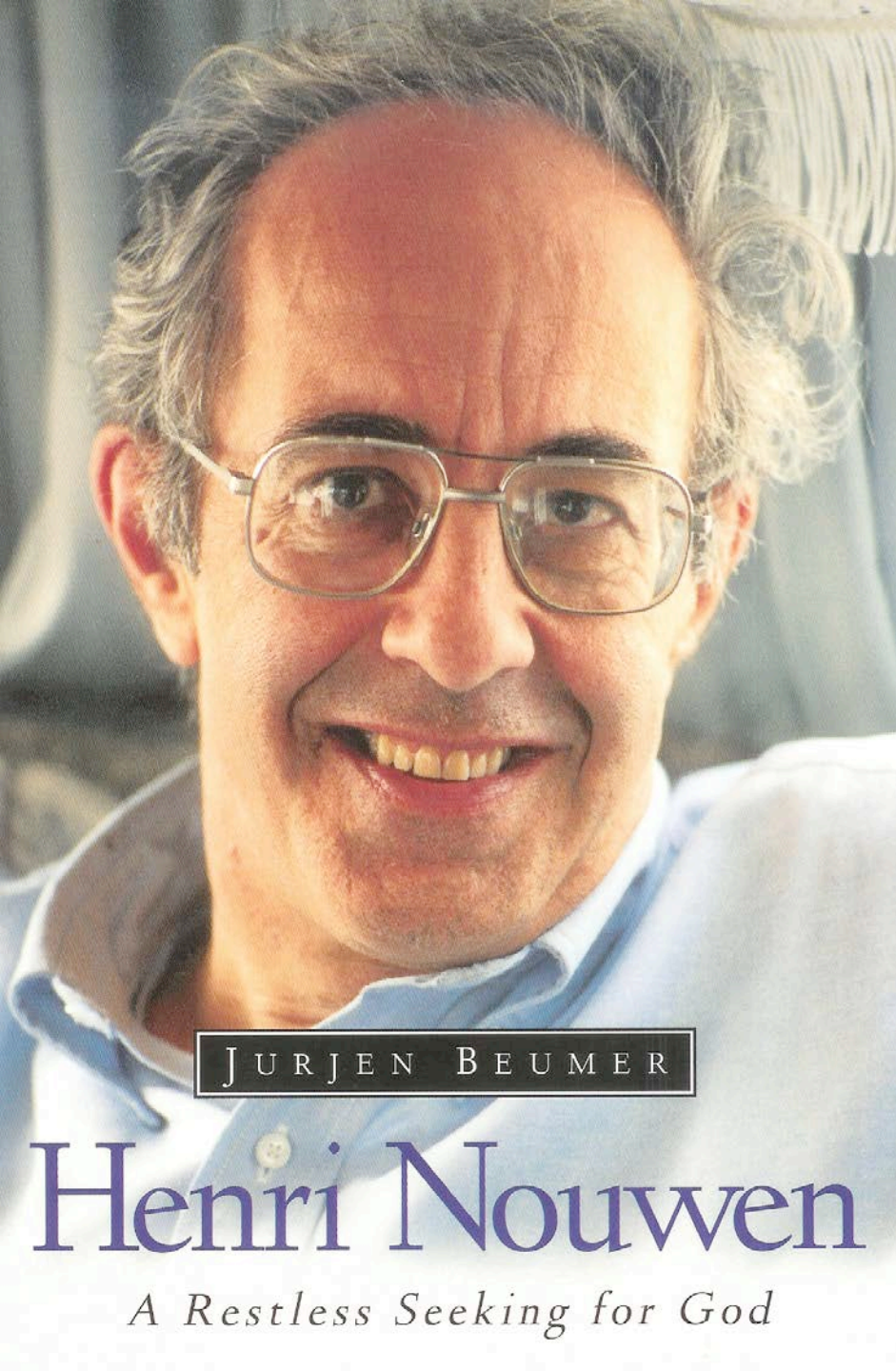
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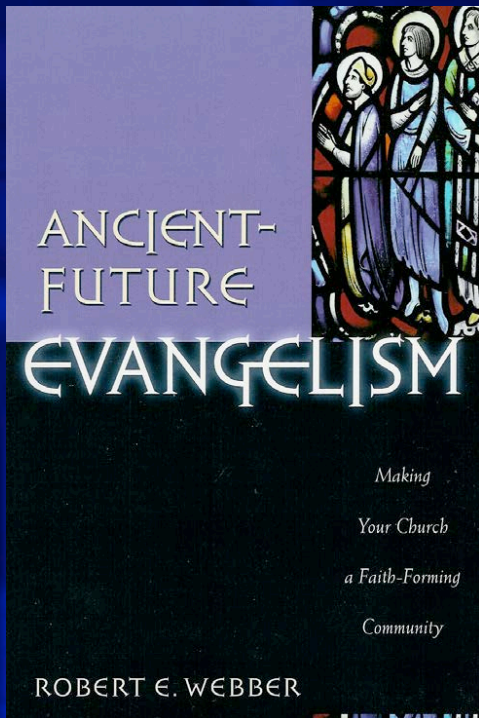
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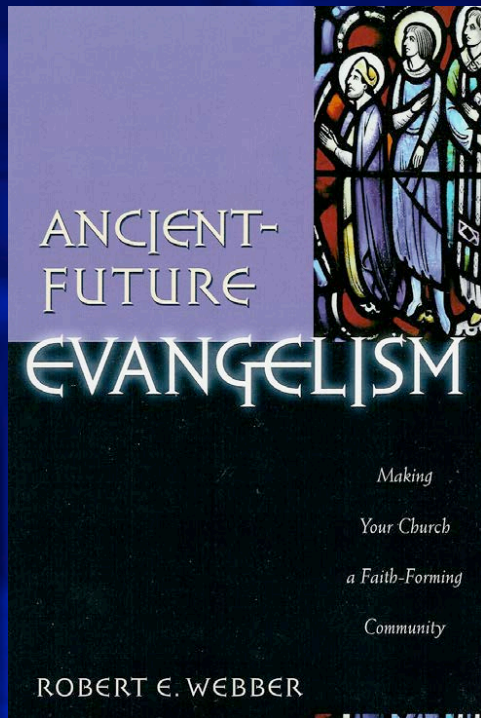
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The rejection of everything Catholic then led to the Protestant notion that knowledge and spirituality are the same. For nearly five hundred years the spirituality of Protestantism has been expressed in the quest for knowledge. This quest found a happy partner with the emphasis on reason in the modern period. In the postmodern era, however, where knowledge is not enough, there is a longing once again for the disciplines that produce *a spirituality rooted in the mystical and sacramental traditions.*



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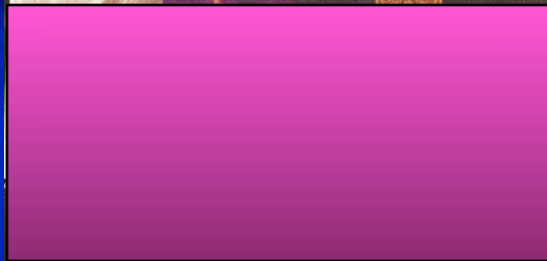


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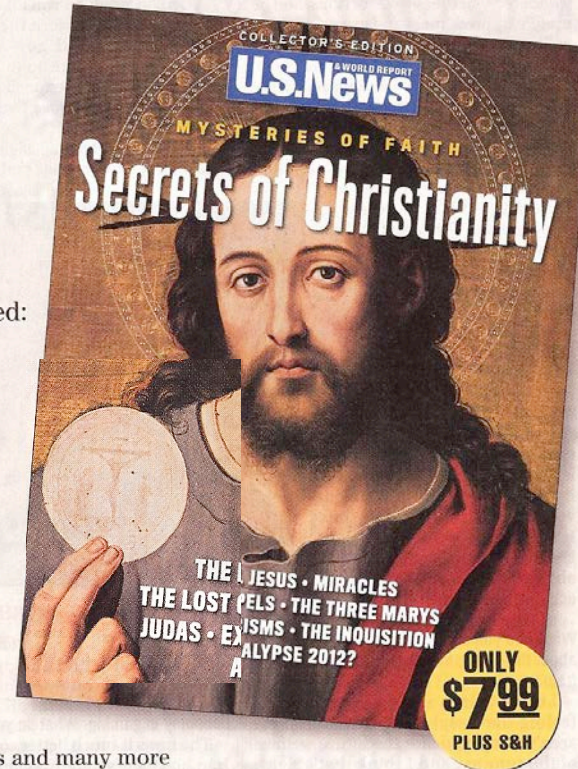


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(Islamic law) is the best antidote to extremism and fundamentalism. The uncertainty, of course, is whether their views will find a wider following among contemporary Muslims.

In all faiths, the return to tradition has different meanings for different people. To some, it is a return to reassuring authority and absolutes; it is a buttress to conservative theological, social, and even political commitments. To others, it is a means of moving beyond fundamentalist literalism, toward a more

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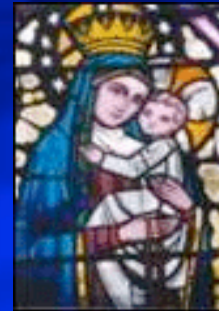
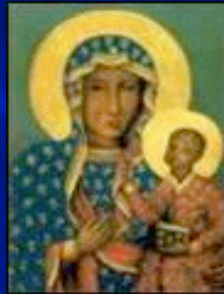
with them. I think the future is with a group that is interested in reviving the old stuff and traditions in a creative way. Sisters in traditional orders may wear habits, but they often live in coed communities." Sociologist Finke agrees. "Members of traditional religious orders want to be set apart, to have a more active spiritual formation and a strong community life. But while they are obedient, they are less submissive to authority and want to make more of their own decisions."

younger members. "I have no problem with the habits," says Reese. "On the other hand, if the church ordained women, we'd have thousands more women coming forward."

But Sister Patricia Werberg, a sociologist at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, sees more substance in the new traditionalism. "I think churches that can articulate what they do and what they stand for tend to grow better." To that extent, she says, the conservative turn in the church makes sense. But she points out that there are two kinds of conservatives. "One group," she says, "would like to take things back to the [16th-century Counter-Reformation] Council of Trent, but I don't think the future

# Apostasy and the Emerging Church

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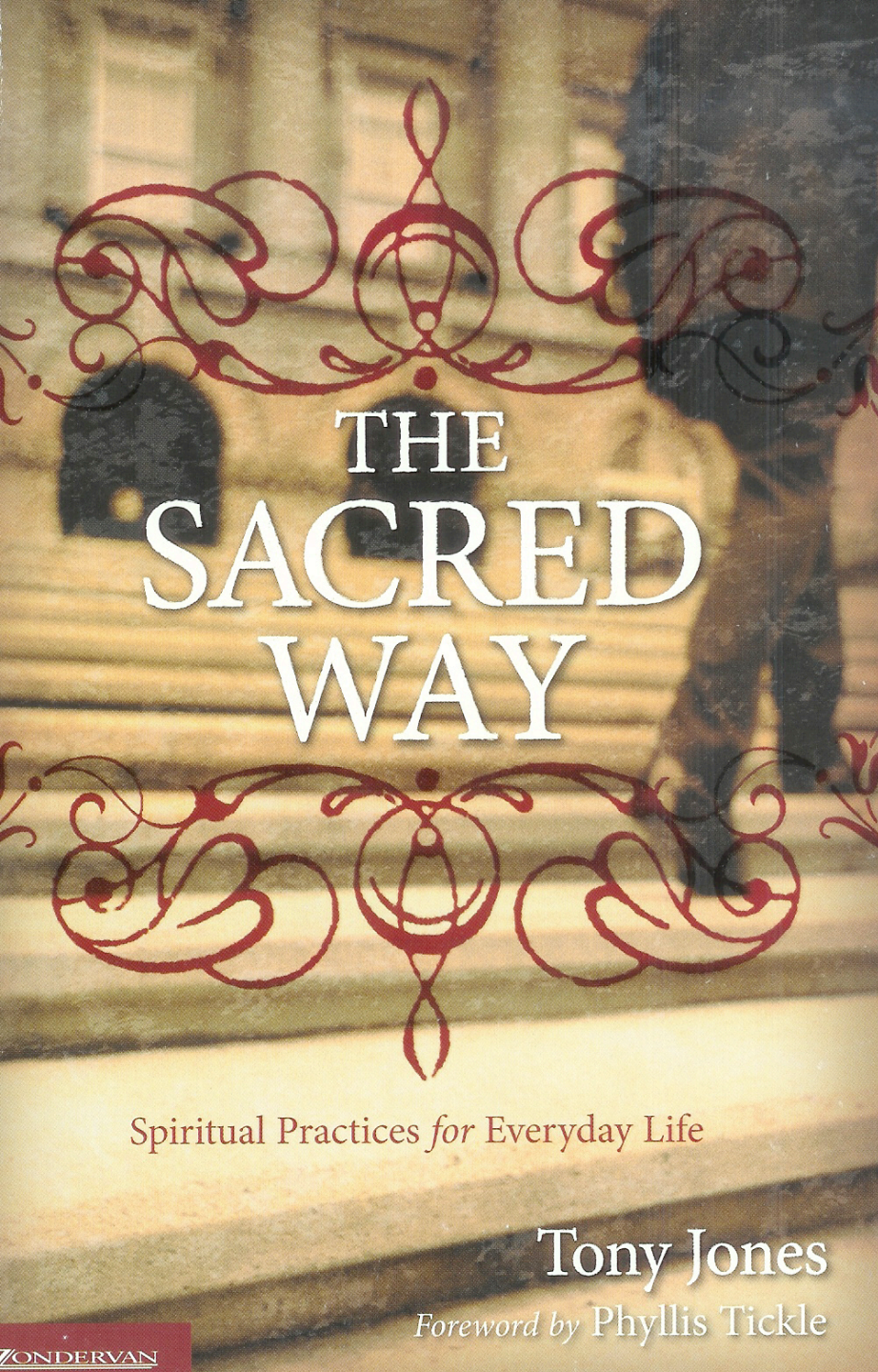




Why is there an interest  
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# THE SACRED WAY

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Foreword by Phyllis Tickle

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# Tony Jones, *The Sacred Way*

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For years I had been told that to be a Christian meant I had to do three things: (1) read the Bible (2) pray, and (3) go to church. But I had come to the realization that there is something more. And indeed there is... For me, there is incredible richness in the spiritual practices of ancient and modern Christian communities from around the world. Incorporating new ways of praying, meditating, reading the Bible etc. have fueled my faith and passion for spirituality in ways I never thought possible, and have without question brought me into a closer relationship with God.

pp. 16-17.

# Tony Jones, *The Sacred Way* The Jesus Prayer

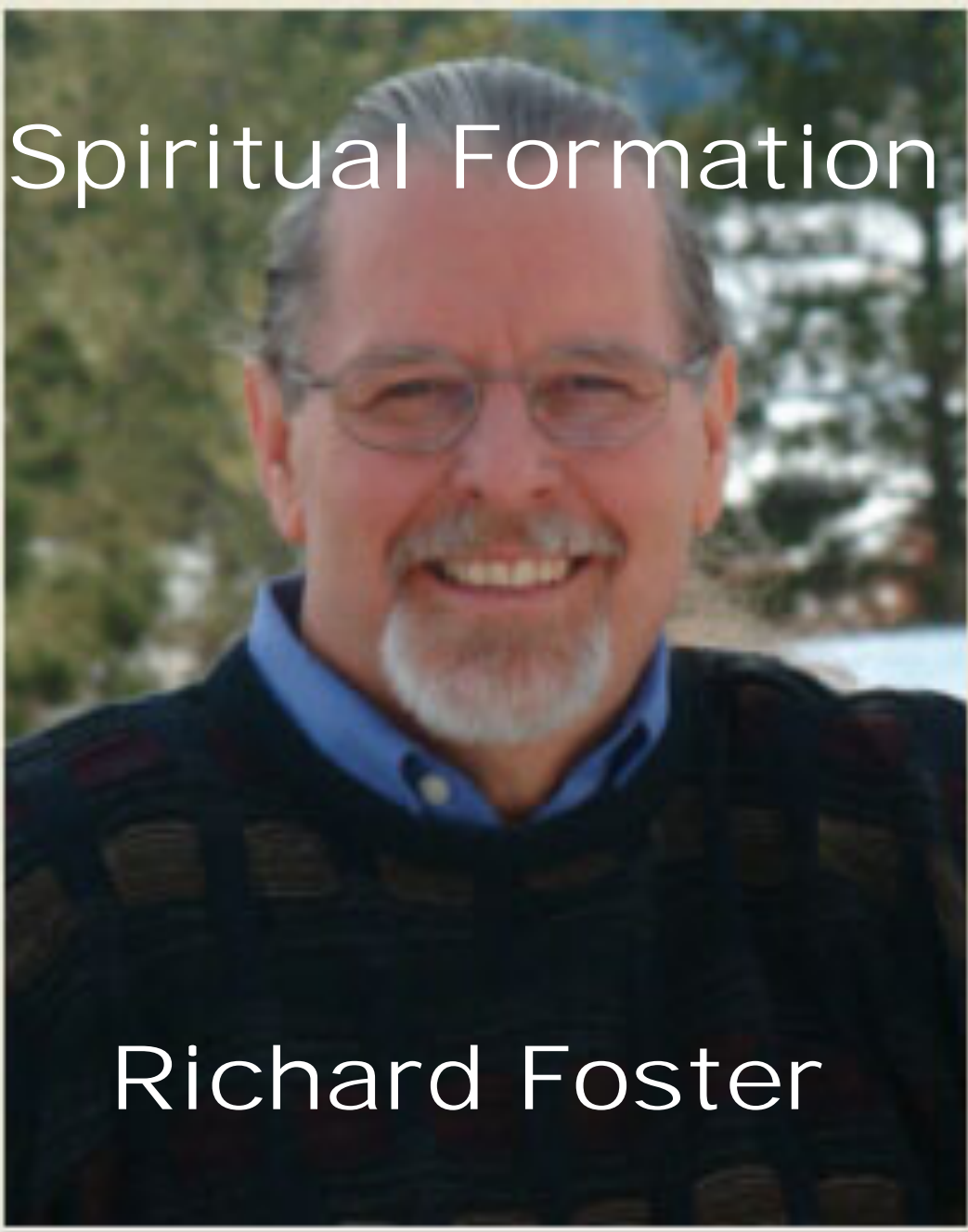
So, seated comfortably in a dimly lit room with the head bowed, attend to your breathing, and then begin the prayer with your breathing. Breathe in: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God", breathe out: "have mercy on me a sinner."

Guarding the mind against all distractions, the pray-er focuses during every repetition on the meaning of the words, praying them from the heart and in the heart...

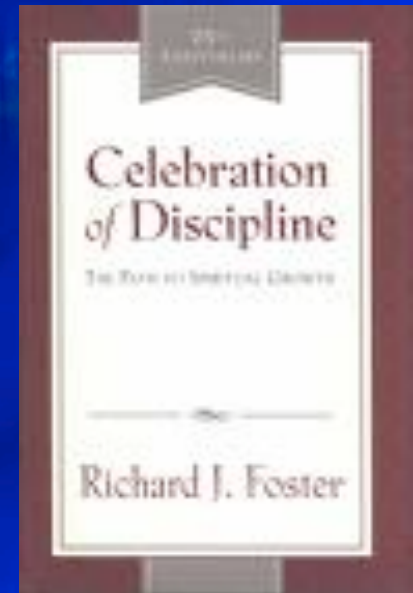




# Spiritual Formation



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“Tony Campolo  
is my favorite  
evangelist.”

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author of  
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A close-up portrait of Tony Campolo, a middle-aged man with a friendly smile, wearing a blue button-down shirt. The background is a solid orange color.

# Tony Campolo

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# Tony Campolo, *Letters To a Young Evangelical*

In my case intimacy with Christ had developed gradually over the years, primarily through what Catholics call “centering prayer.” Each morning, as soon as I wake up, I take time—sometimes as much as a half hour—to center myself on Jesus. I say his name over and over again to drive back the 101 things that begin to clutter my mind the minute I open my eyes. Jesus is my mantra, as some would say.

p. 26

# Tony Campolo, *Letters To a Young Evangelical*

The constant repetition of his name clears my head of everything but the awareness of his presence. By driving back all other concerns I am able to create what the ancient Celtic Christians called "the thin place." The thin place is that spiritual condition wherein separation between self and God becomes so thin that God is able to break through and envelop the soul.

p.26

# Tony Campolo, *Letters To a Young Evangelical*

I learned about this way of having a born-again experience from reading Catholic mystics, especially *The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola*... Like most Catholic mystics he developed an intense desire to experience a “oneness” with God. Gradually, he came to feel an intense yearning for the kind of spiritual purity that he believed would enable him to experience the fullness of God’s presence within. p. 30

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After the Reformation, we Protestants left behind much that was troubling about Roman Catholicism of the fifteenth century. I am convinced we left too much behind. The methods of praying employed by the likes of Ignatius have become precious to me. With the help of some Catholic saints, my prayer life has deepened. p. 31

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# VIRTUE OF HAPPINESS

DISCOVERING THE DISCIPLINES  
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TIME AND EFFORT.

What is happiness? The immediate gratification of our physical and emotional desires? A sense of satisfaction brought about through consumerism or other promises of short-term enjoyment?

Our twenty-first-century views of happiness are not what the writers of the Bible had in mind. Nor are they what the ancient Greeks or the drafters of the Declaration of Independence envisioned. Such false ideas of happiness always leave us empty, chasing the selfish and superficial. Authors J. P. Moreland and Klaus Issler illustrate how we are happy only when we pursue a transcendent purpose—something larger than ourselves. This pursuit involves a deeply meaningful relationship with God through a selfless preoccupation with the spiritual disciplines.

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# J.P. Moreland and Issler, *Lost Virtue of Happiness*

We recommend that you begin by saying the Jesus Prayer about three hundred times a day. p.90

When you first awaken, say the Jesus Prayer twenty to thirty times. As you do, something will begin to happen to you. God will begin to slowly occupy the center of your attention. p. 92

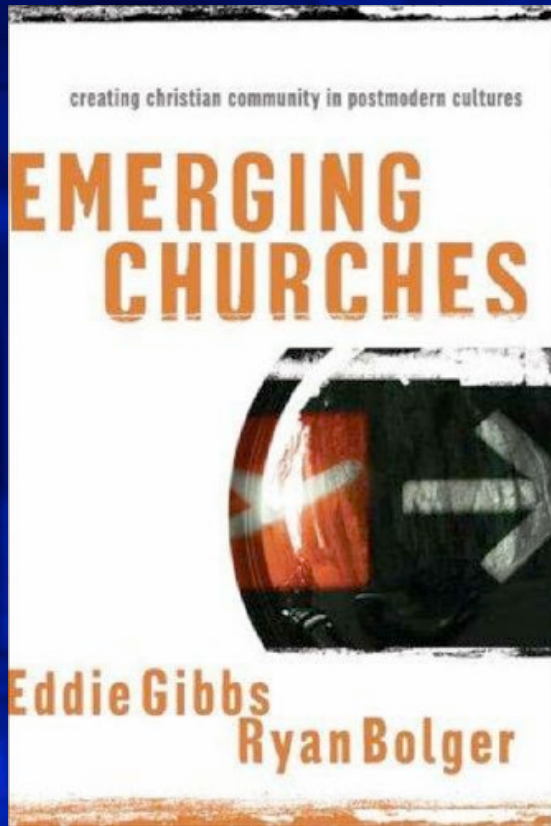
Repetitive use of the Jesus Prayer while doing more focused things allows God to be on the boundaries of your mind and forms the habit of being gently in contact with him all day long. p.93

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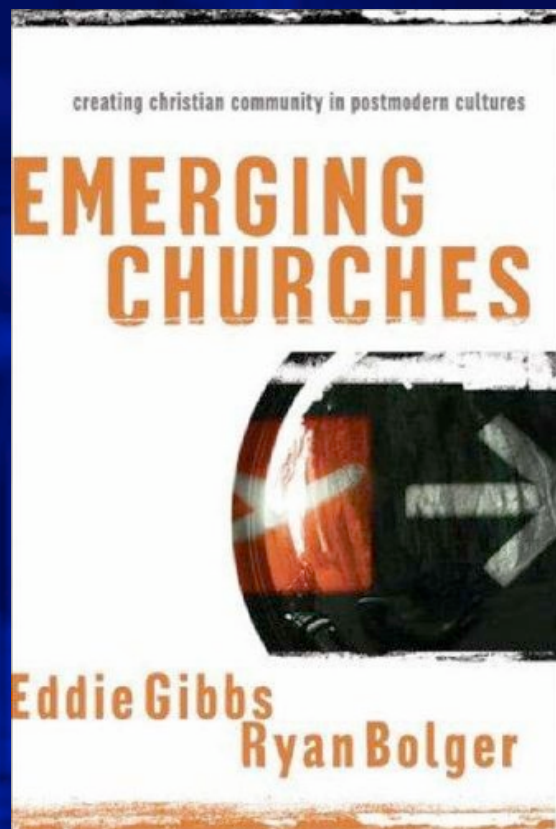


[T]he Christian tradition could hold to an inclusive model, not an exclusive one. We have a community hermeneutic. We read other sacred writings, then get back to the Scripture and decide together how to interpret what we have read from the literature that other religions hold to be sacred.

Eddie Gibbs and Ryan K. Bolger, *Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures*, p. 132

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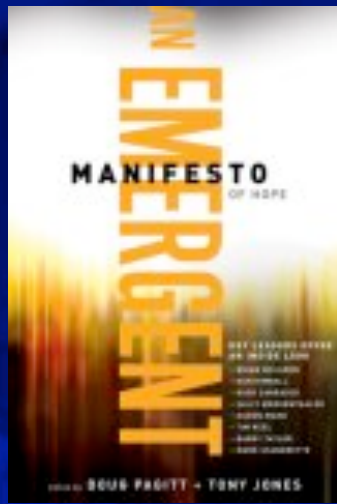


Burke's community is prepared to learn from faith traditions outside the Christian fold. There is a Buddhist family in their church. As a community, the church visited a Buddhist temple. They participated in a guided meditation with this family. Burke celebrates the many ways God is revealed. He recognizes that the Spirit has been with these people all along. The community celebrates other traditions. They reach out to other traditions, and see them as beloved children of God. With a focus on kingdom rather than on church, people find that their relationship with other faiths changes.

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## Samir Selmanovic

The emerging church movement has come to believe that the ultimate context of the spiritual aspirations of a follower of Jesus Christ is not Christianity but rather the kingdom of God. ...to believe that God is limited to it [Christianity] would be an attempt to manage God. If one holds that Christ is confined to Christianity, one has chosen a god that is not sovereign. Soren Kierkegaard argued that the moment one decides to become a Christian, one is liable to idolatry.



Doug Pagitt and Tony Jones, *An Emergent Manifesto of Hope*, Samir Selmanovic section, "The Sweet Problem of Inclusiveness," pp. 192-193.

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Is our religion [Christianity] the only one that understands the true meaning of life? Or does God place his truth in others too? Well, God decides, and not us. The gospel is not our gospel, but the gospel of the kingdom of God, and what belongs to the kingdom of God cannot be hijacked by Christianity.

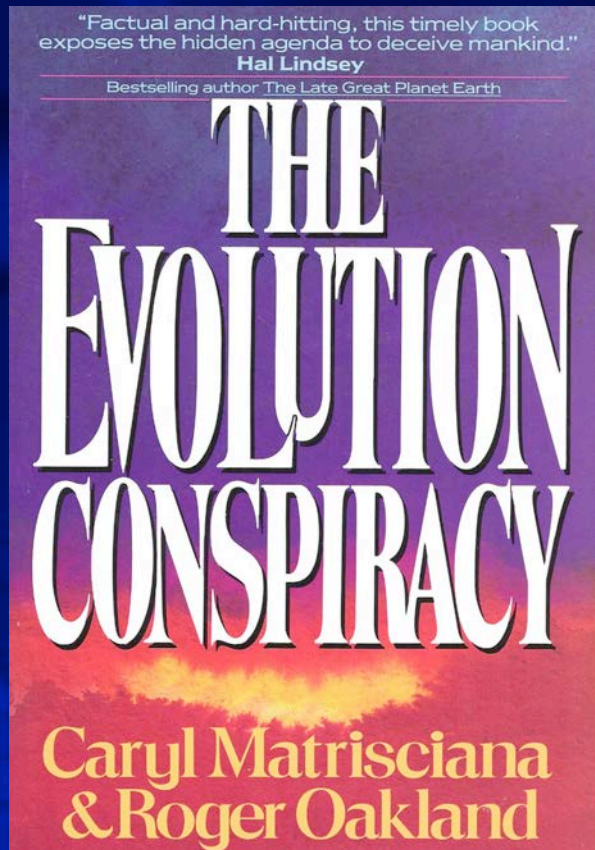


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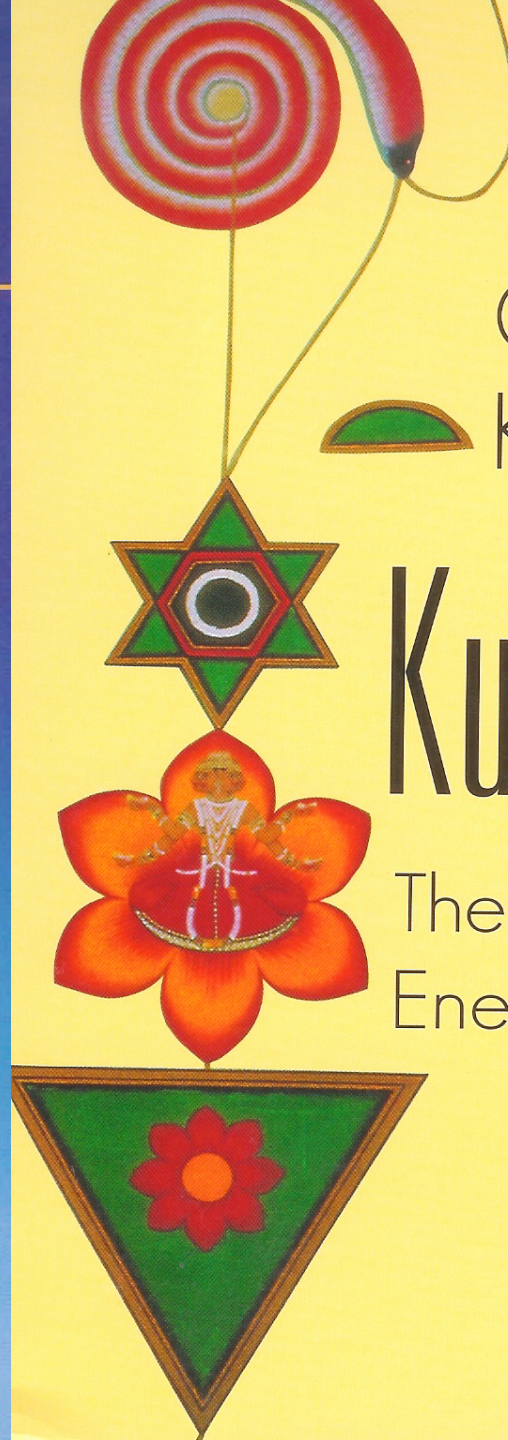
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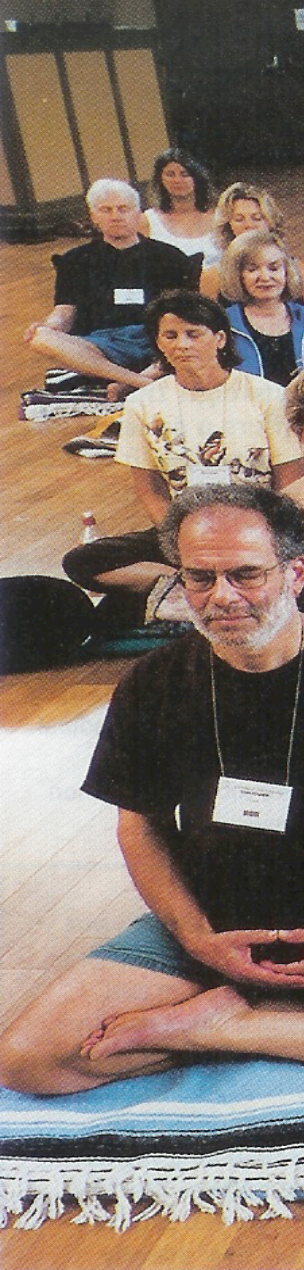
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Richard Foster, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*  
(San Francisco, CA.: Harper, 1992, First Edition) p. 157

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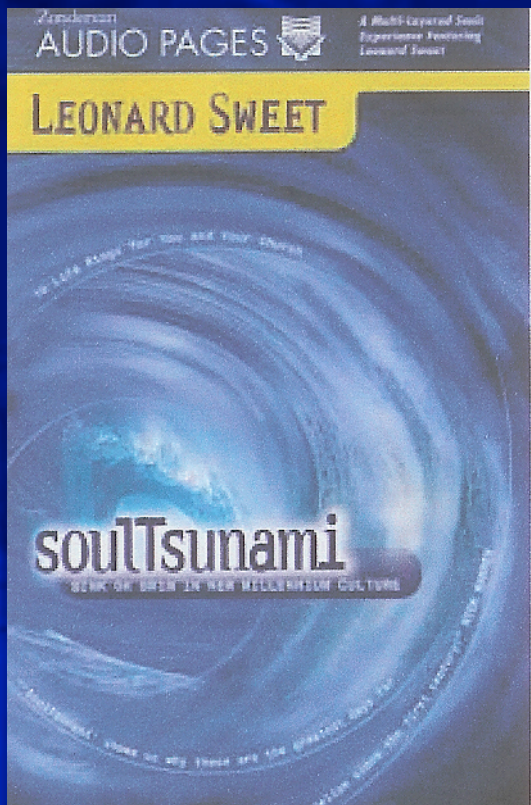
... there are various orders of spiritual beings, and some of them are definitely not in cooperation with God and his way! ... But for now I want to encourage you to learn and practice prayers of protection...  
"All dark and evil spirits must now leave."

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# The Emerging Church and

God is birthing the greatest spiritual awakening in the history of the church. God is calling you to midwife the birth. Are you going to show up? (p.34)





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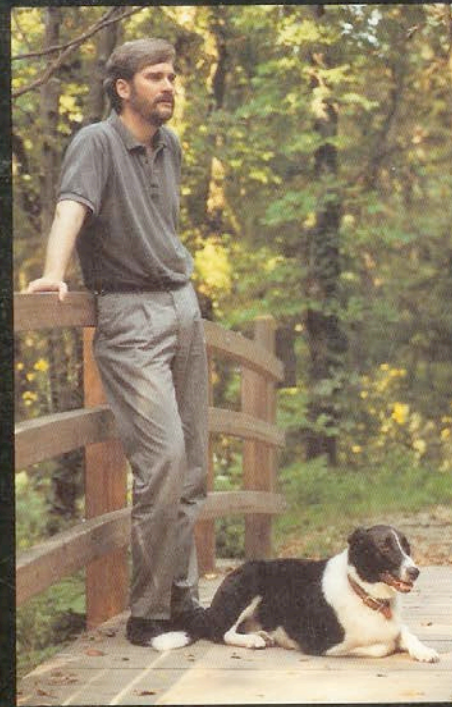
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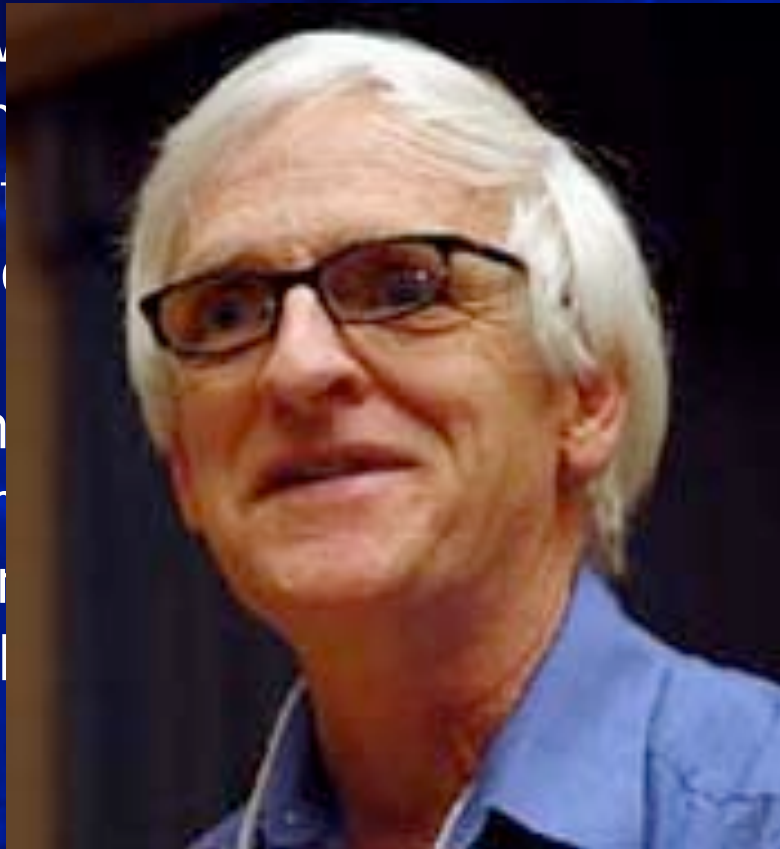
*Leonard I. Sweet, president of United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, with Susie, official greeter at Aullwood Gardens*



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## Quantum Spirituality, A Postmodern Apologetic Leonard Sweet, Whaleprints, 1991

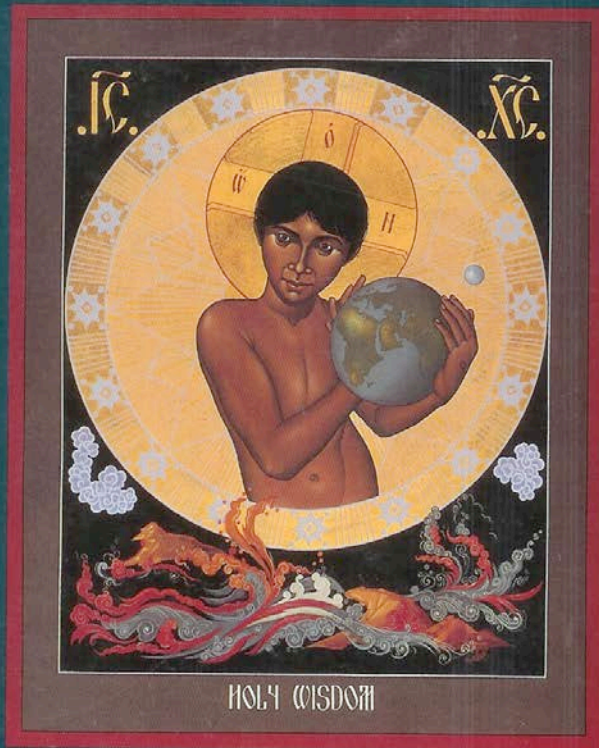
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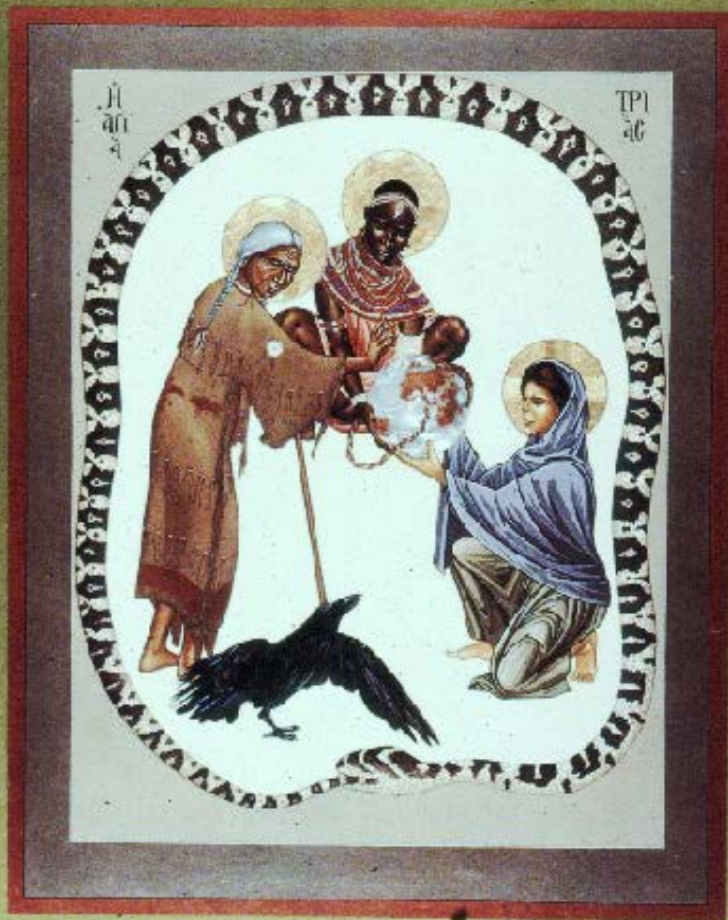
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"I foresee a renaissance, "a rebirth based on a spiritual initiative," to use historian M.D. Chenu's definition, as the result of the outpouring of the Spirit. This new birth will cut through all cultures and religions and indeed will draw forth the wisdom common to all vital mystical traditions in a global religious awakening I call "deep ecumenism." p. 5

"The coming together of the historical Jesus and the Cosmic Christ will make Christianity whole at last. Christianity has been out of touch with its "core," its center, its sense of mystical practice and cosmic awareness... Perhaps a new "ecumenical council" will be forthcoming in our lifetime. This one would be deeply ecumenical and would call forth the wisdom of all the world's religions." p.7

# CREATION SPIRITUALITY

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The Christian mind is failing to comprehend the times, our times. The New Light apologetic chronicled in this book is devoted to enfranchising and energizing Christians to connect their faith with the indigenous historical place in which God has chosen them to live.

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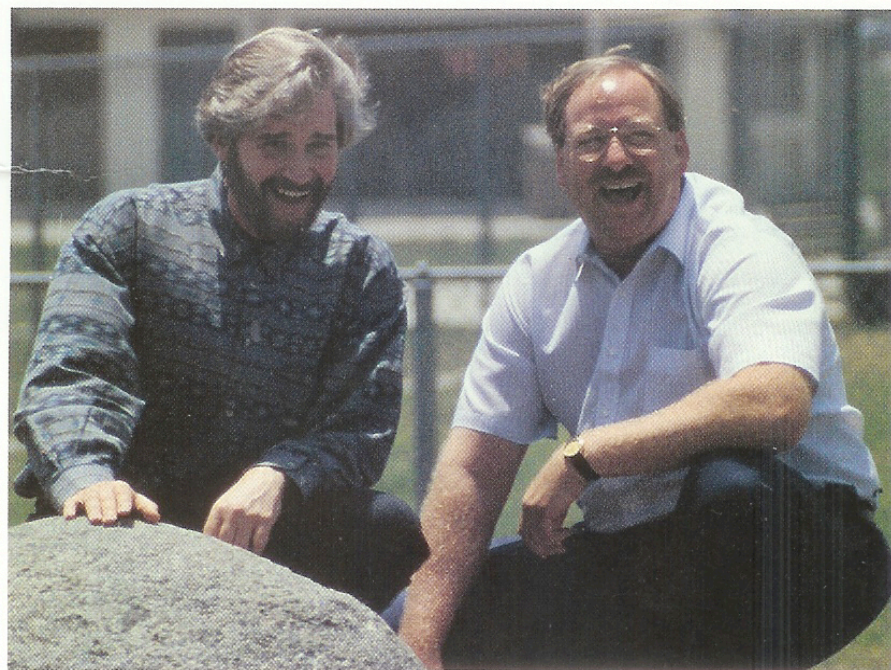
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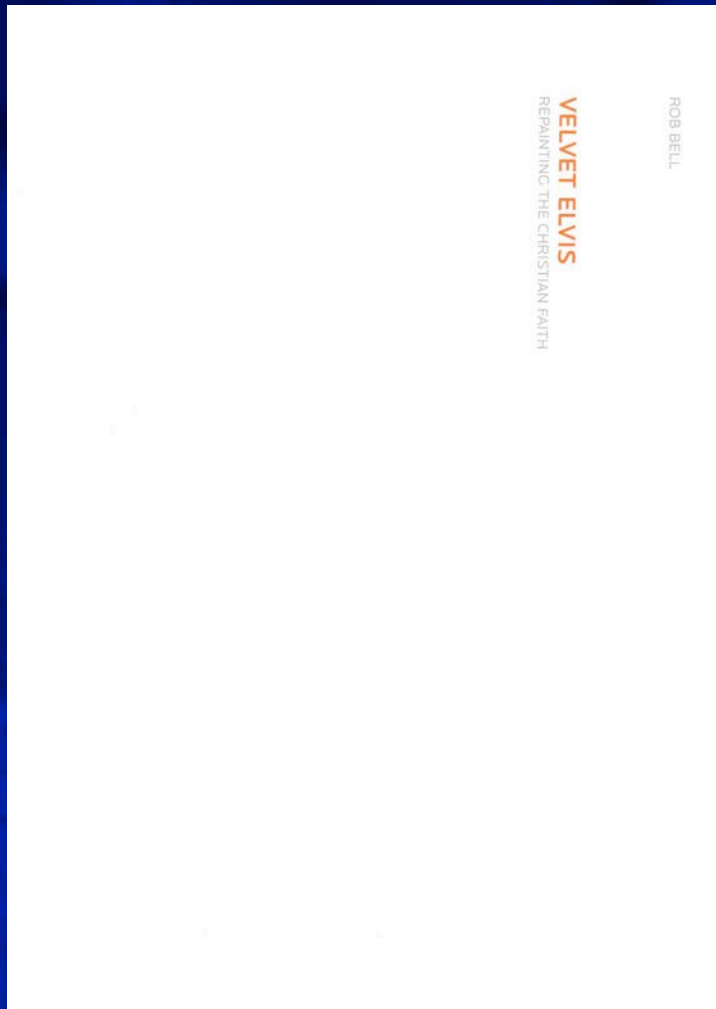
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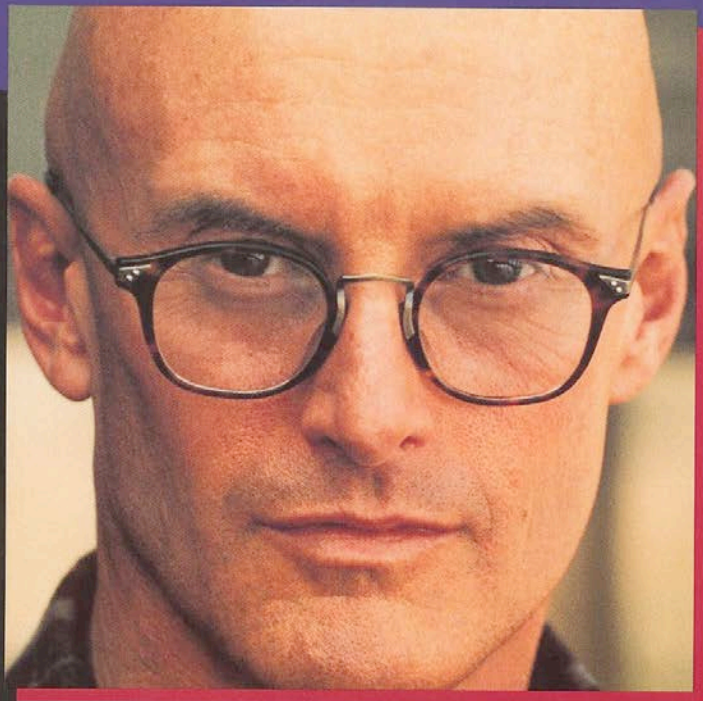
**144** A writer who has helped me understanding this difference between good and perfect, and more important, between Greek and Hebrew thought, is Thorleif Boman. His book *Hebrew Thought Compared with Greek* (New York: Norton, 2002) has been very helpful. Brian McLaren also writes about this in *The Story We Find Ourselves In* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2003). I love his explanation of the Genesis account of creation. Or should I say Neo's?

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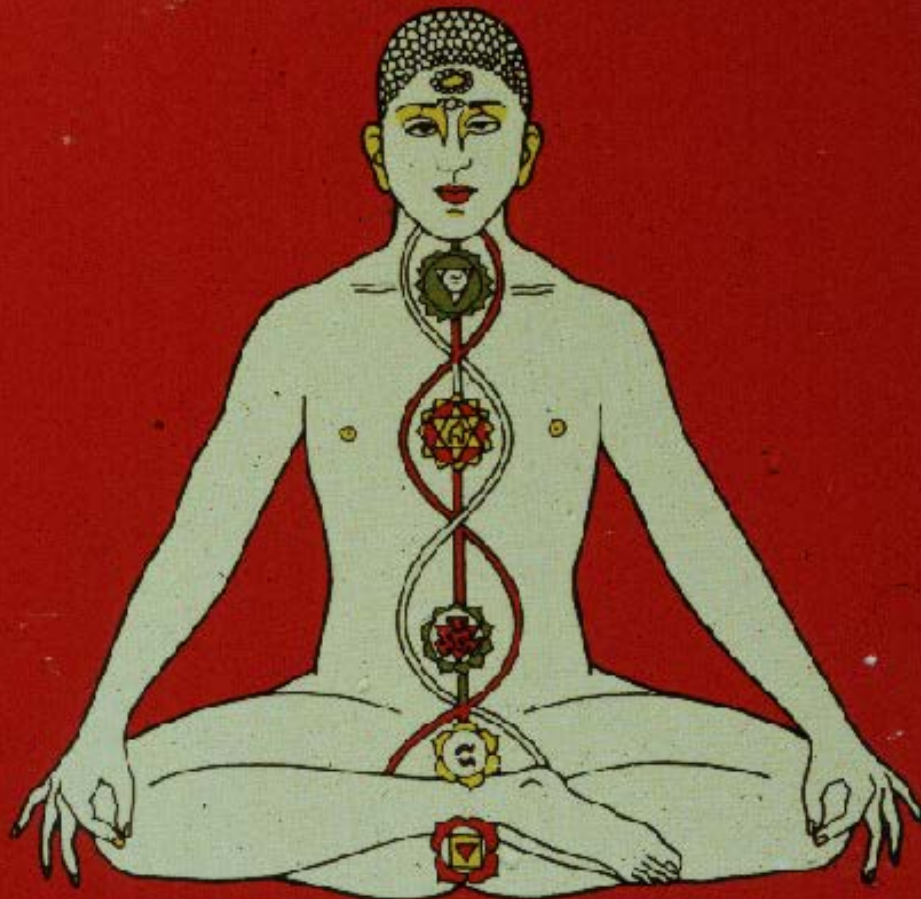
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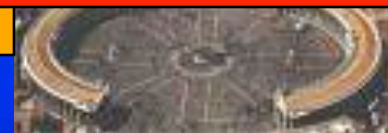
# Revelation 18: 4-5

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

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# Upon This Rock

I will build my church;  
and the gates of hell shall  
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Matthew 16:18