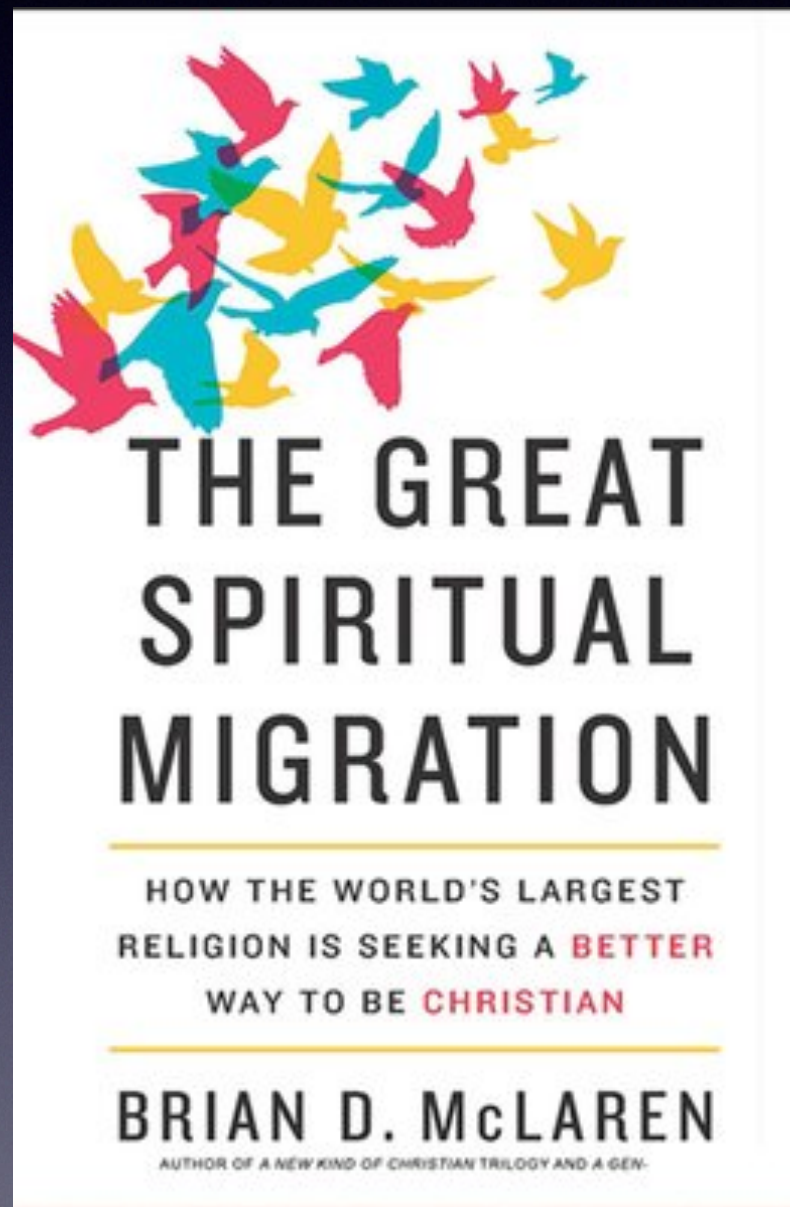


The Great Spiritual Migration



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- Brenda - Ch 3 - Learning How to Love

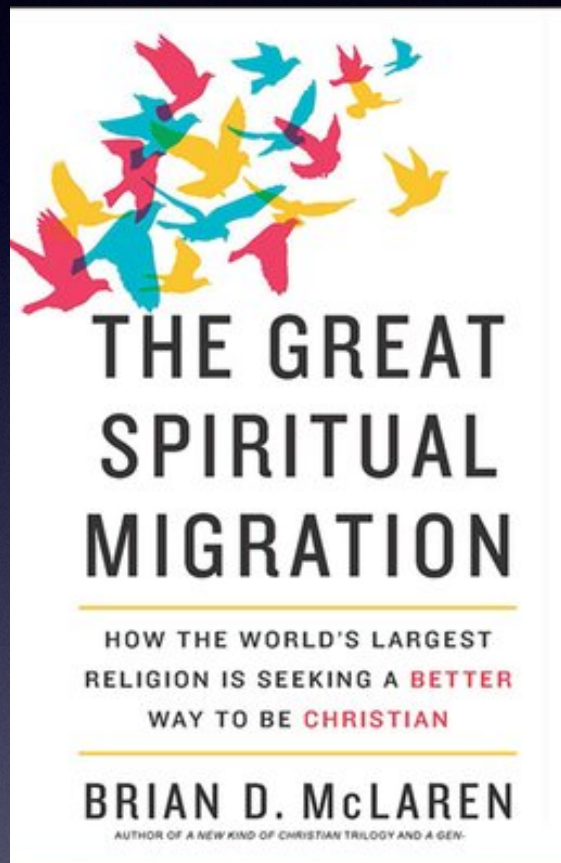


Opening Meditation

Karen McKeown

SESSION 3

Welcomes & Housekeeping



Wayne - Review Migration Themes

- "The Great Black American Migration" and Canadian comparisons
- Comment on McLaren's image of "bird migrations"
- Both images will continue with us through the entire study series

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- The Holy Week Image - Friday/
Saturday/Sunday - Death/Silence/
Rebirth

Key Themes (cont)

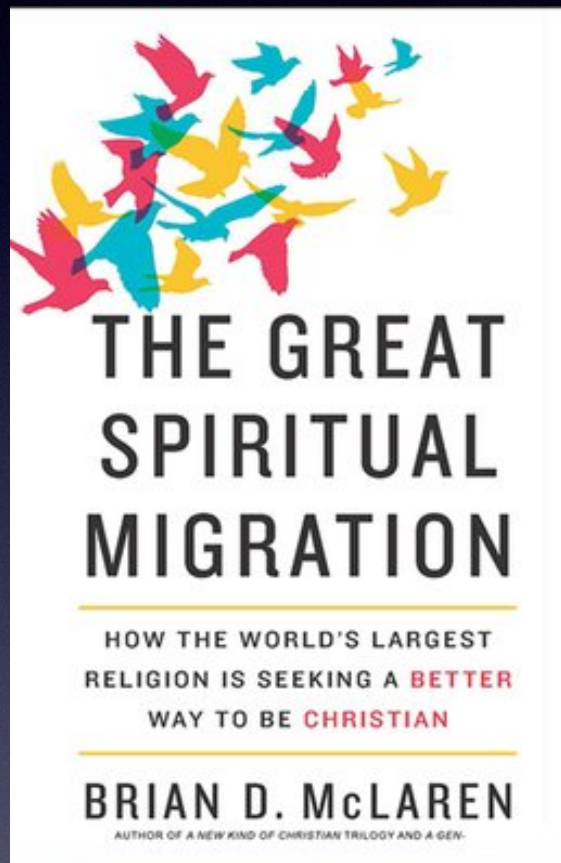
- "Living by Faith" 'falling' into "Building Systems of Belief" (and)
- "Systems of Belief" 'migrating' into "Personal and Community Life of Vital Faith".

An Important Learning Discovery

- History teaches us that Christians usually begin their faith journeys by "living by the spirit" but evolve into "creating formal, defensive systems of belief".
- If this is so, how do we rectify this today, for ourselves?

Wayne's personal experience -

- Growing up in a spiritually-centered family
- Evolving into a theologically trained religious specialist and professional
- Consequently spending much of my life trying to find a relevant spirituality



Discussion

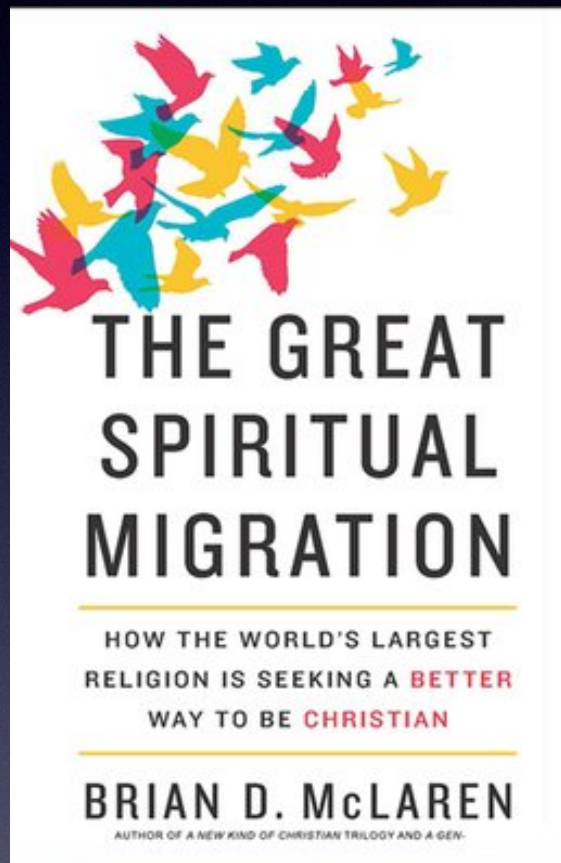
Discuss in class your own evolution in personal and communal faith.

BREAK





Time now. Please return.



Let's take a look at how the same thing happens to formal faith systems in religious institutions

Learning from the beginnings of Christian history:

- Great spiritual movements often begin as vital spiritual leaders and communities -- but, over time, they are transformed into "belief-centered" operations.
- What starts as a vital focus on the basic teaching/witness of Jesus as presented in the Gospels, ends up becoming institutionalized into formalized rule and doctrine-centered religion.



The Lutheran Story

Luther in Wittenberg
and the Lutherans at
Augsburg



What Kind of God - Luther the Rock Opera

3m34s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB1S8-ZyDSI>

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Augsburgischen Confession mit der Apologie,
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(vgl. Rotemann's Geschichte Pag: 164).

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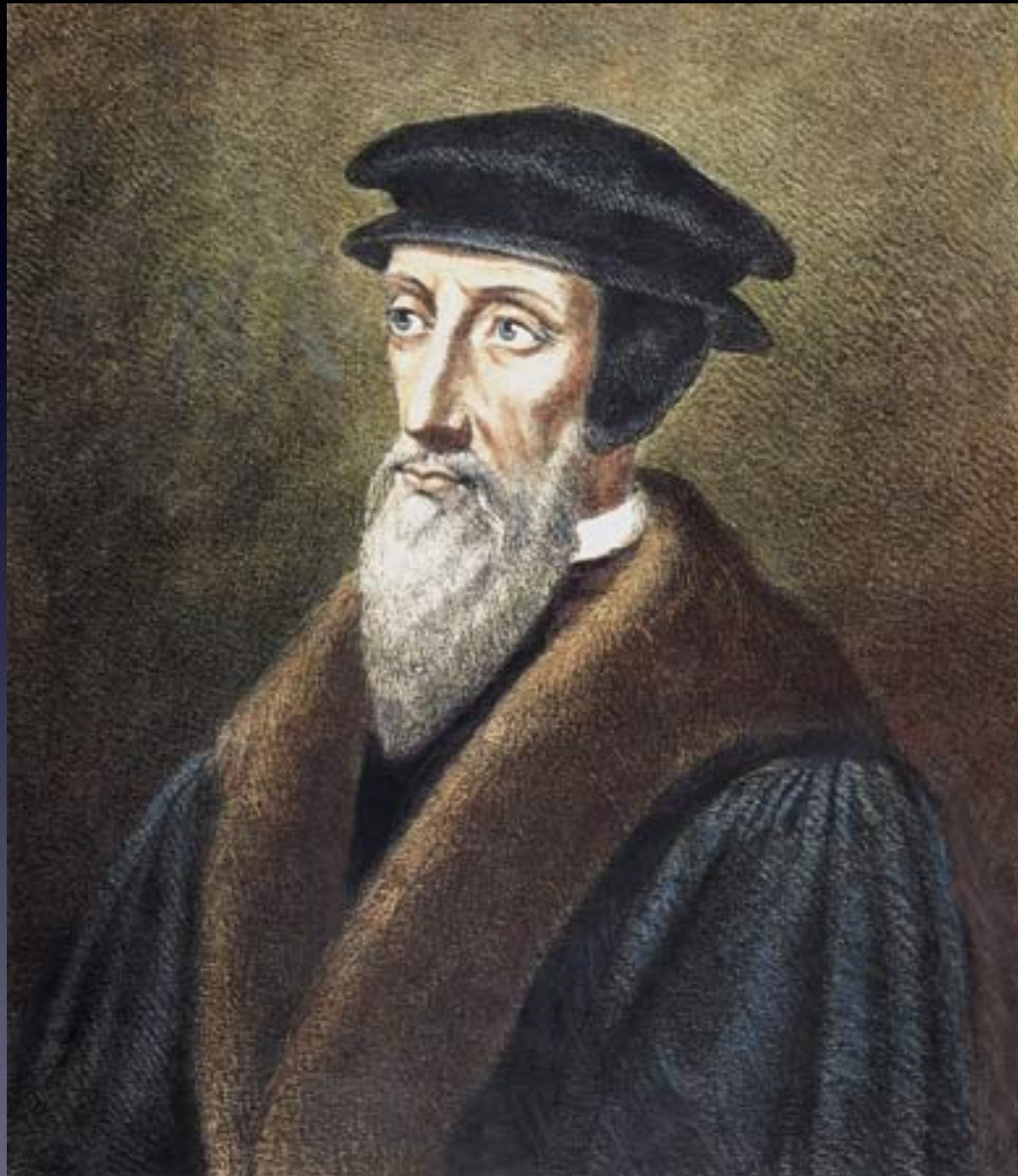
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The Augsburg Confession of 1530

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The Reformed Story Geneva Transformed

Calvin

- the struggling theologian
- the religious statesman



John Calvin

1m

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3G7Z-1btvNU>

The John Wesley Story Methodism



- England unfaithful to the social and spiritual Good News needed.
- adapted to many other countries and cultures



John Wesley - Selflessness

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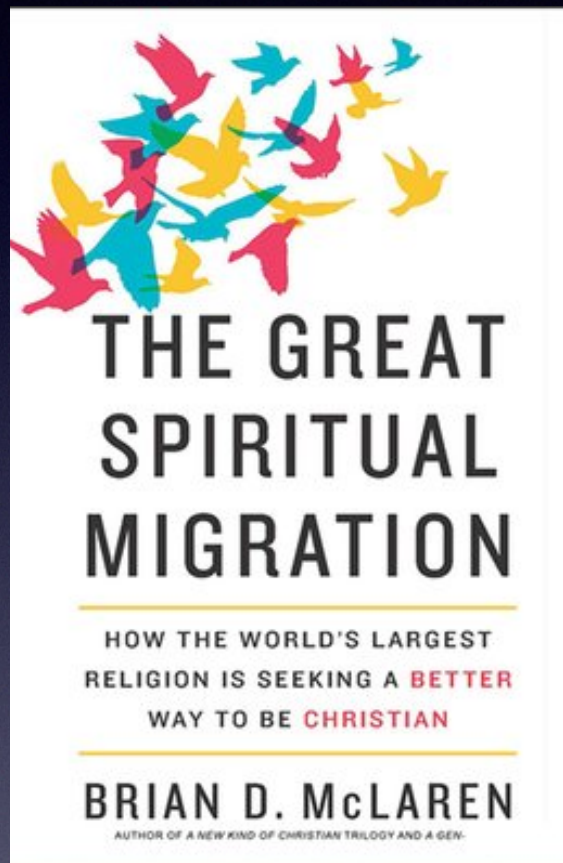
A Modern Canadian Christian Story

Gretta Vosper





Gretta Vosper and the United Church of Canada
Lorna Duek - Canadian Christianity Under Construction
12m excerpt of 30m program.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vyqb8ElcQk&t=1117s>



Closing Discussion

On the ideas of the chapter and the evening.



Closing Meditation

Joan Gray

Next Readings

Session 4 - 4 Feb 2019

Chapter 3 - Learning How to Love

Chapter 4 - The Genocide Card in Your Back Pocket

Chapter 5 - God 5.0

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