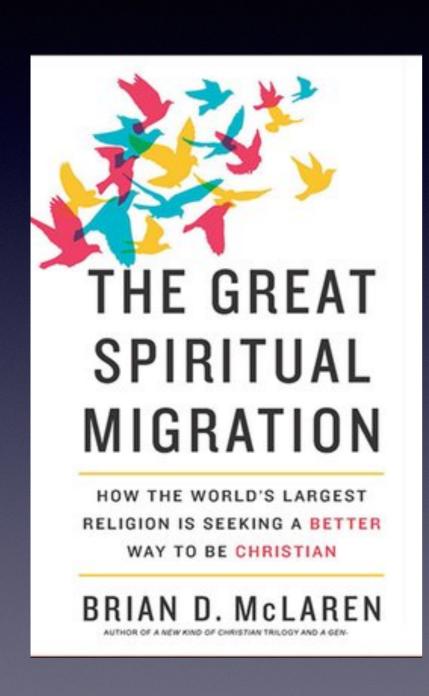
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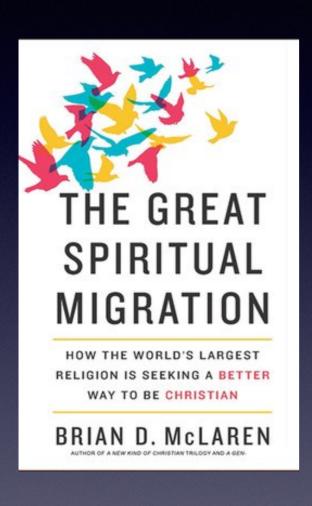


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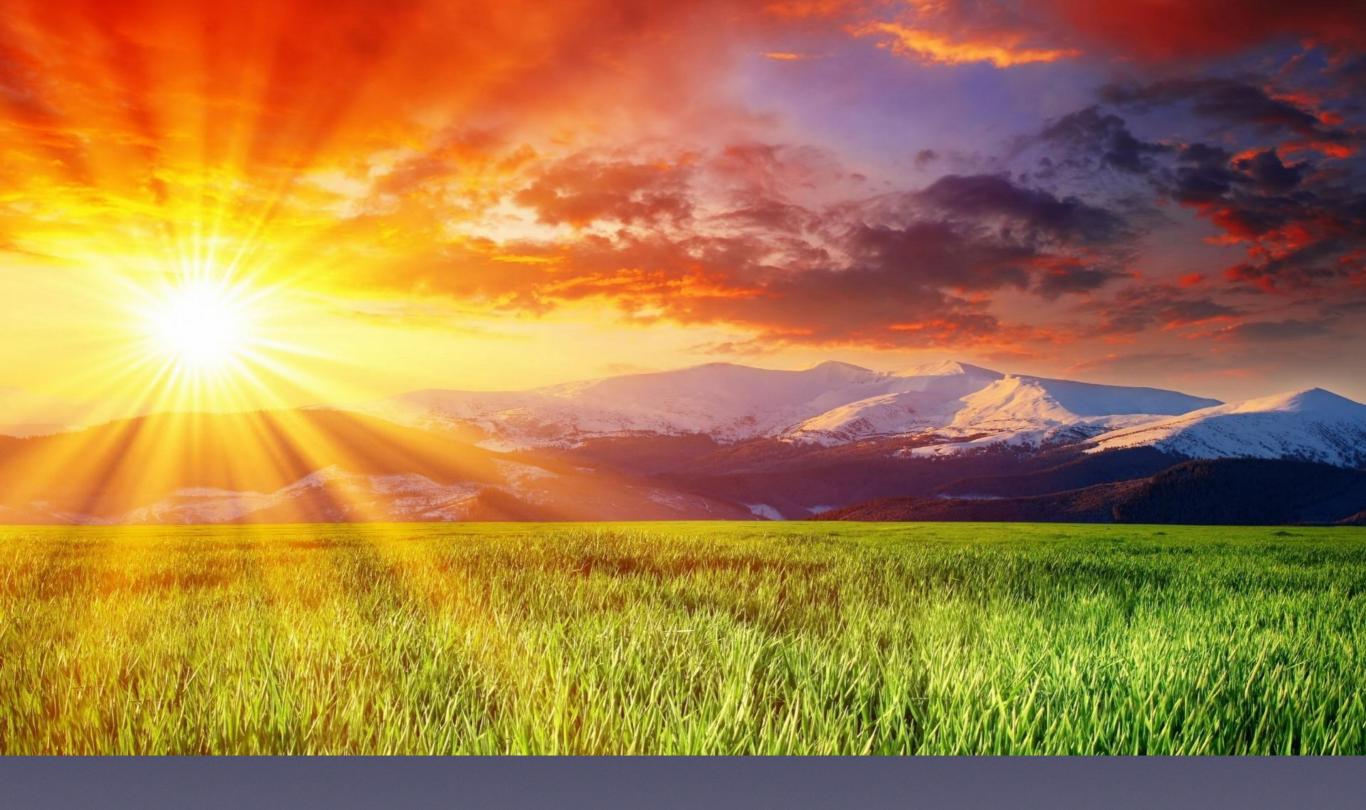
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#### Related Themes/Persons - Webpage Links Ch 10 - The Broken Open Heart



- Practicing Inner Work Parker Palmer. 3:33 A short talk on spiritual development in the course of working in groups.
- The Cosmic Christ Richard Rohr. 28:59 "We all fell in love with Jesus, but "The Christ" existed from all eternity. Here is the foundation for interfaith work..." Rohr explains the deep differences between "The Historical Jesus" and "The Cosmic Christ"
- Reconstructing Judaism Article: Wade in the Water. A short midrash reading. "I read this as a parable of courage and faith: there are times in one's life journey when the only way forward is to step into the unknown, not knowing if the ground will rise up to meet you."
- Fruit Trees In the Sea? The Spiritual Meaning Of
  Crossing The Red Sea. Article. A deeper longer
  midrash interpretation of the crossing story. Interesting
  light cast on this Jewish method of study.

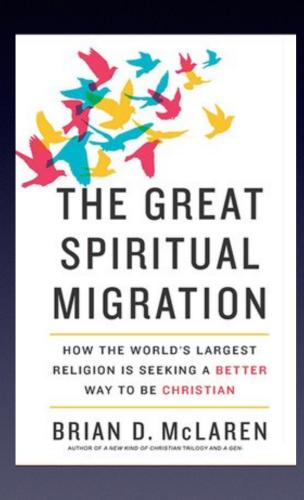


### Opening Meditation

#### Session #7

- Opening
- Welcome & Housekeeping
- Wayne Ch 10 The Broken-Open Heart
- Discussion Time
- Hospitality Break
- Wayne Afterword:
   We Stepped Forth. The Waters Parted
- Discussion Time
- Closing

#### SESSION # 7



# Welcomes Housekeeping Handouts



Important to remember:
Theology grounds our
understanding,
Spirituality keeps us focused.

Tonight

Ch 10 - "A Broken-Open Heart"

Afterword - "We Stepped Forth - The Waters Parted"



### Key themes of these chapters:

- Developing a Theology for Our Situation Cultivating that Theology Through Spiritual Exercise
- 2. The Importance of Taking the First Step



Developing a Theology for Our Situation

#### Central Image - "The Way of the Cross"

A major Lenten Theme

What does it mean?



Developing a
Theology for
Our Situation

"Moving from Atonement and Appeasement to Walking with Christ to Liberation and Service"



Brian McLaren: The Mystery of the Kingdom of God
"It encompasses all of life, not just church."

BeliefNet
3m26s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2g8lz5riVs



# Ch 10 The Broken Open Heart Some Quotes

"The difficult way is unavoidably the way of the cross" (p. 185) McClaren

"We can imagine the heart as a small clenched fist, that can be broken open into largeness of Life"

Parker Palmer

"God breaks the heart again and again until it stays open" Hazrat Inayat Khan



# Ch 10 The Broken Open Heart

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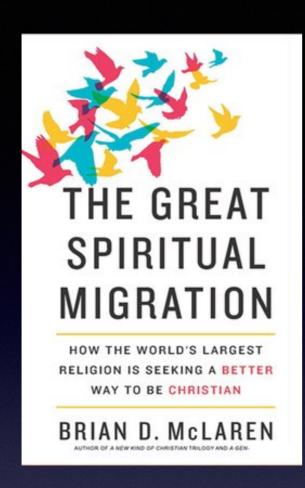
A personal experience.

The heart is the path to wisdom because it dares to be vulnerable in the presence of power.

- Terry Tempest Williams

Parker Palmer on How to Deal with Broken-Heartedness 3m10s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81Fl9xu2HUY







#### Discussion

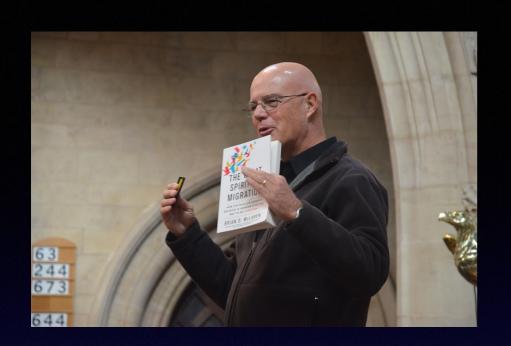


# Ch 10 The Broken Open Heart

"Our faith must experience a change of heart, for the greater spiritual migration to become a reality, someone must be willing to suffer the birth pangs.."

McLaren

Those pangs often come in the form of criticism and personal attack. (p. 188)

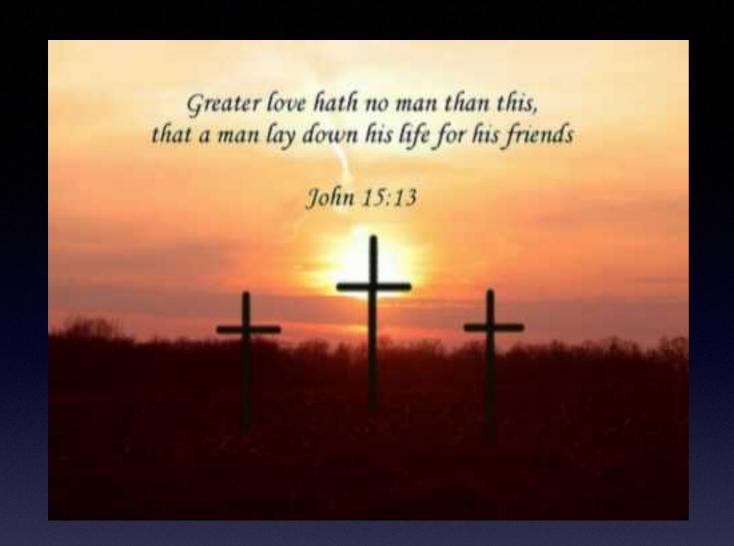


# Ch 10 The Broken Open Heart

"We need to learn to work with the criticism and find whatever value is in it." (p. 189)

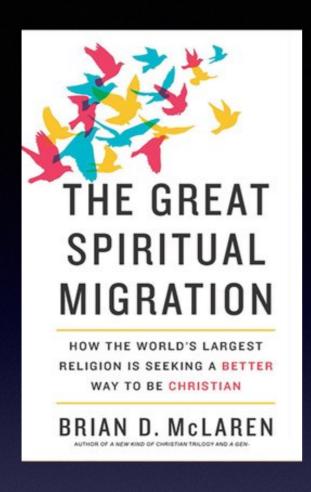
"I could treat every criticism as an opportunity to graciously clarify the message."

Note: "clarify" not "change" the message from our heart



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"This is the way of the cross. This is the way of non-violence, of liberation, and the necessary opening to a great spiritual migration." (p. 191)



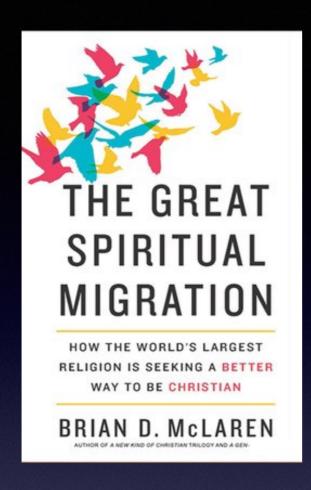


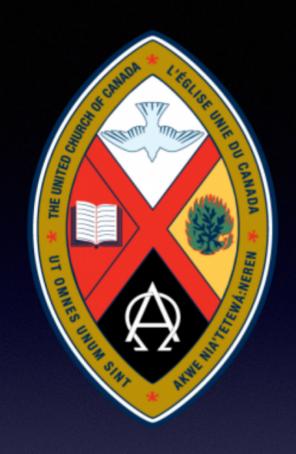


#### **Discussion**

Disruptive theology" the way Christ lived it.

Wayne speaks briefly about what Jesus did during Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning







#### Discussion

"Liberation theology"

A Latin American experiment

A personal experience.
Wayne speaks briefly about St. Oscar Romero
of El Salvador





Time now. Please return.



# Afterword: We Stepped Forth The Waters Divided

"God Who Creates, God Who Redeems, God of shalom—of peace, God of sh'leimut—of wholeness, We remember standing at the shore of the sea, afraid, Our enslavers in hot pursuit, ready to take us back to captivity. We remember the tumultuous sea before us that showed no signs of parting. And we remember you told us: v'yisa'u—go forward. We stepped forth. The waters parted." p201 Stephanie Kolin.

Then YHVH said to Moses: "Why are you crying out to me? Speak to the Children of Israel, and tell them to get moving!" (Exodus 14:15)



Red Sea Crossing
The Prince of Egypt Scene
3m34s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tS2fRO-qT0

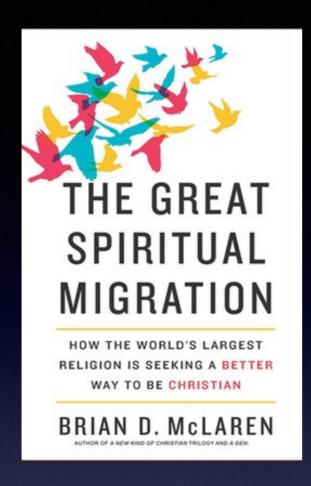


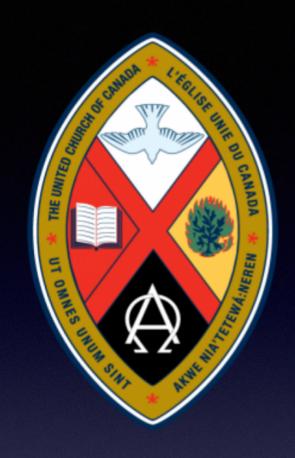
### Wade in the Water Story and Song - by Calvin Earl. 4m32s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmG0Jq55Neo



Balancing The Cosmic Christ & the Historical Christ
The Catholic Corner - Fr. Richard Rohr
21m excerpt



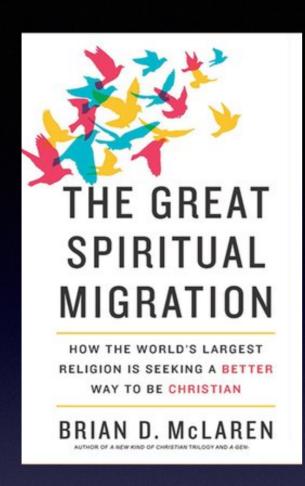


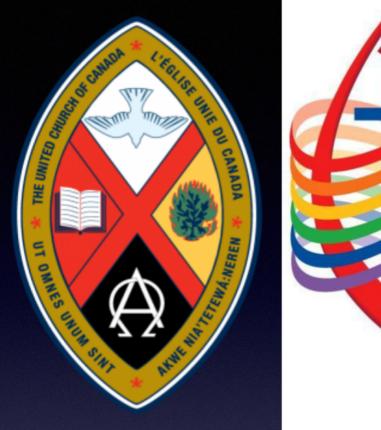


#### Discussion. Theologies of the

- 1 "Cross",
- 2 "Broken-Open Heart" and
- 3 "Parting of the Waters Taking the First Step"

-These three core theological images serve to lead us from thought to action, and from word to deed.







#### Discussion



Closing

#### **BROKEN OPEN HEART**



"The holiest thing we have to offer the world is a broken-open heart, emptied of fear and vengeance, filled with forgiveness and a willingness to take the risks of love".

Parker Palmer, The Politics of the Brokenhearted

The broken open heart holds more light than the closed heart too afraid to break.

Meggan Watterson

But the heart can also be "broken open" - "into largeness of life, into greater capacity to hold one's own and the world's pain and joy." Brian McLaren



#### **Curriculum:**

- Love of Neighbour
- Love of Self
- Love of Creation
- Love of God

"Religion is at its best when it leads us forward, when it guides us in our spiritual growth as individuals and in our cultural evolution as a species."

Brian McLaren

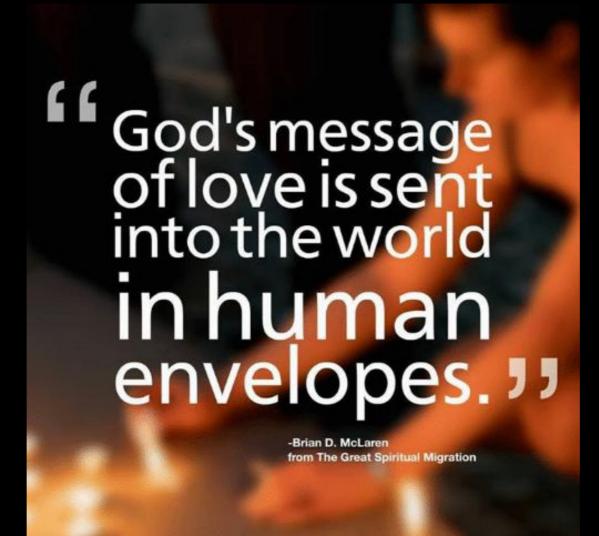
## V'YISA'U! GET GOING! GO FARTHER! GO FORWARD....



Brian D. McLaren @bri... · 3d Today would be a good day to find a faith community that focuses on love for God, neighbors (no exceptions), self, and the earth. Imagine what would happen if millions of us joined and formed churches that were schools or studios of revolutionary love?

### All You Need Is Love by the Beatles (Glee TV Program version)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWqels4iVYM



How will YOU be a human letter?

#### Next Readings

**Session 9- March 11, 2019** 

Charter for a Just and Generous Christianity (Appendix I, pp.207-210)

Fourteen Precepts of a just and Generous Christianity (Appendix II, pp.211-214)

Study Website Postings sduc.ca