

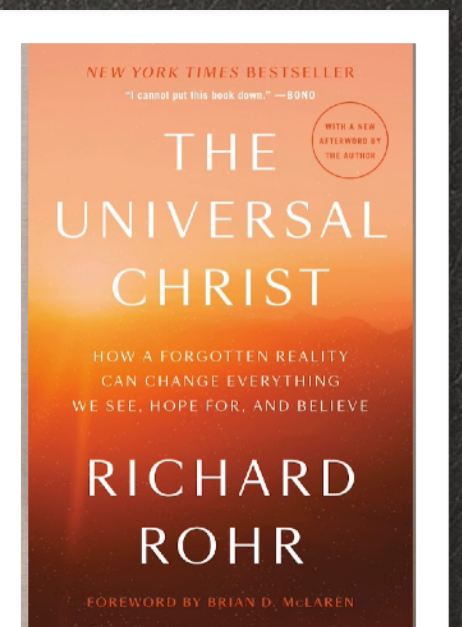
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40 Practices and Reflections
on the Universal Christ

RICHARD
ROHR
and PATRICK BOLAND

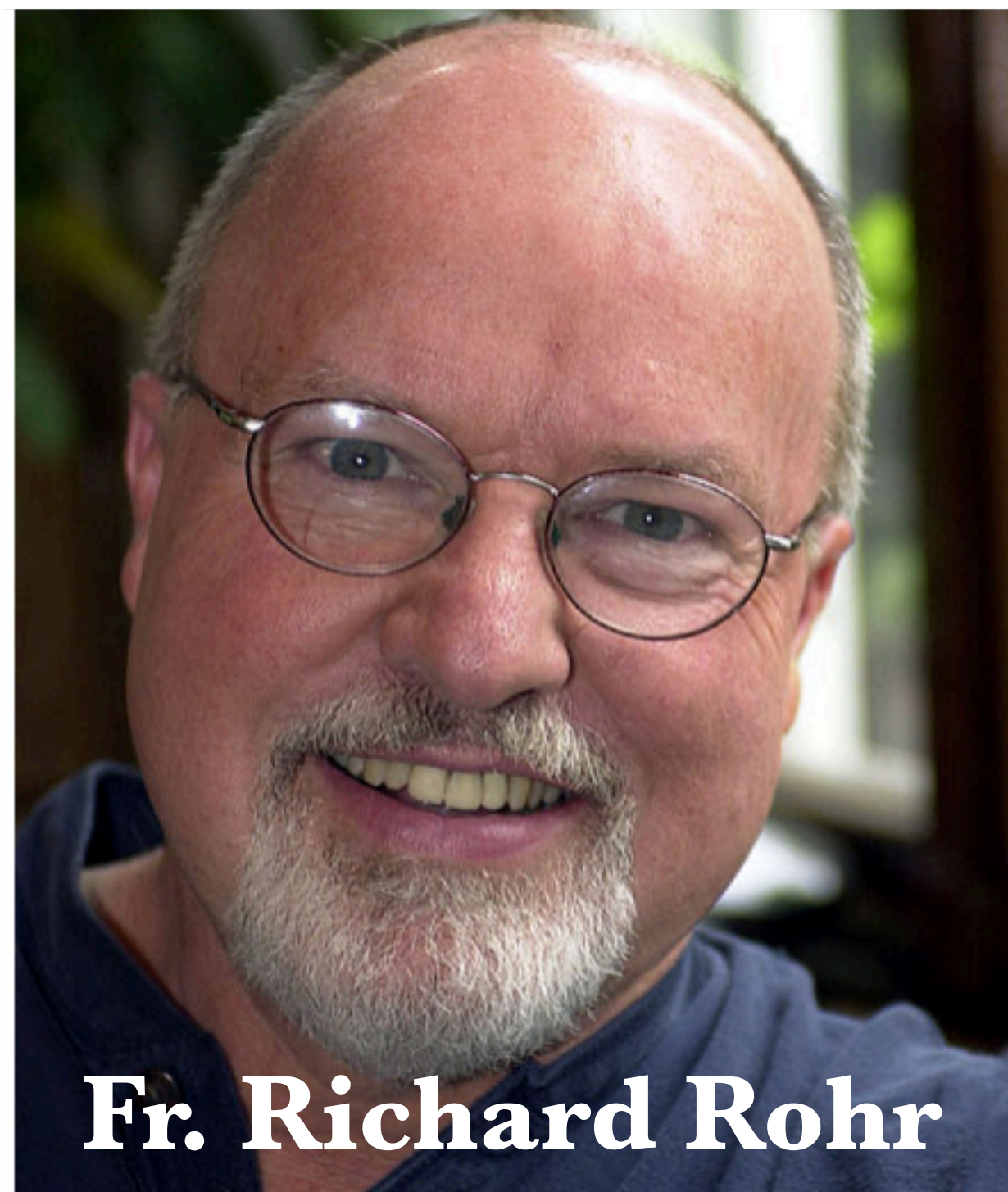
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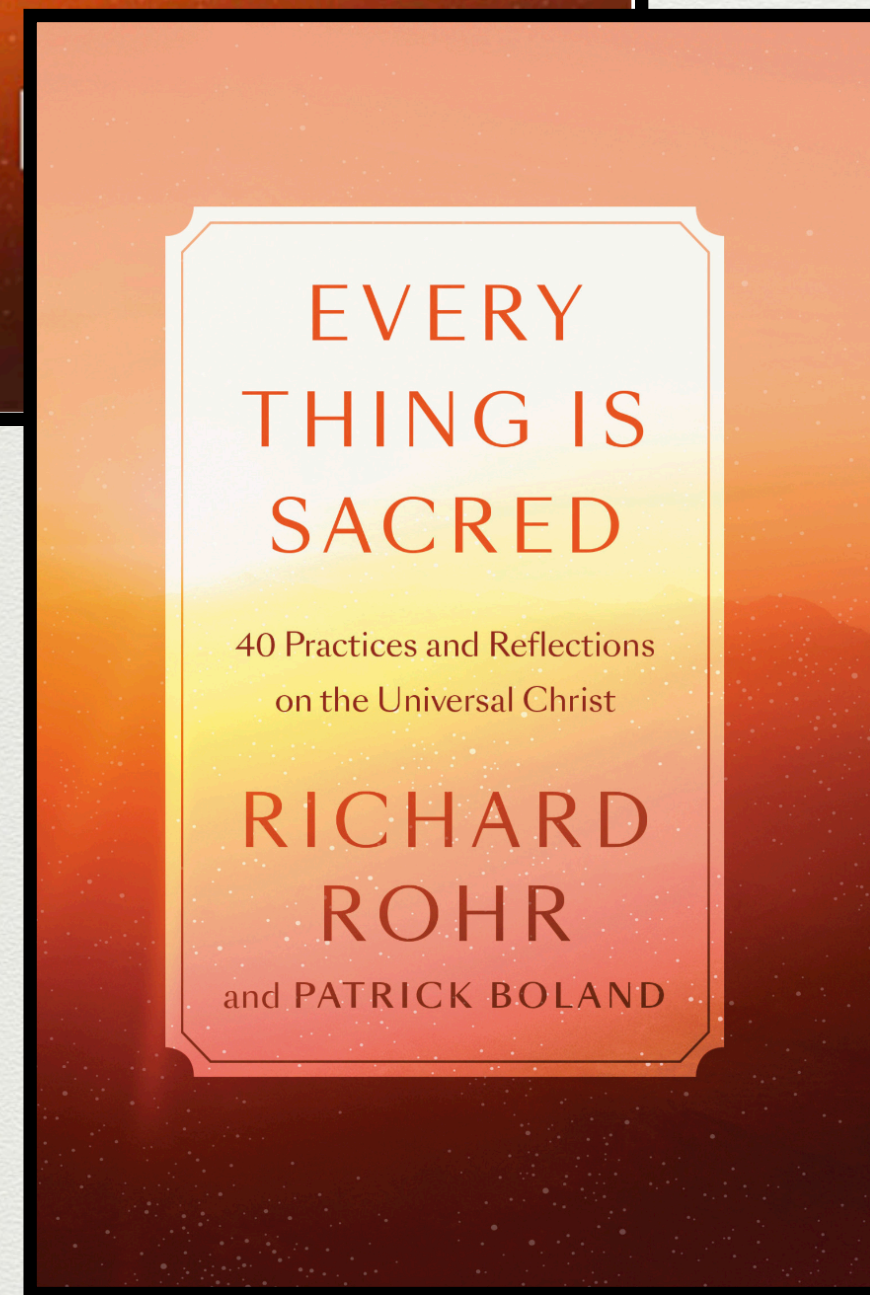
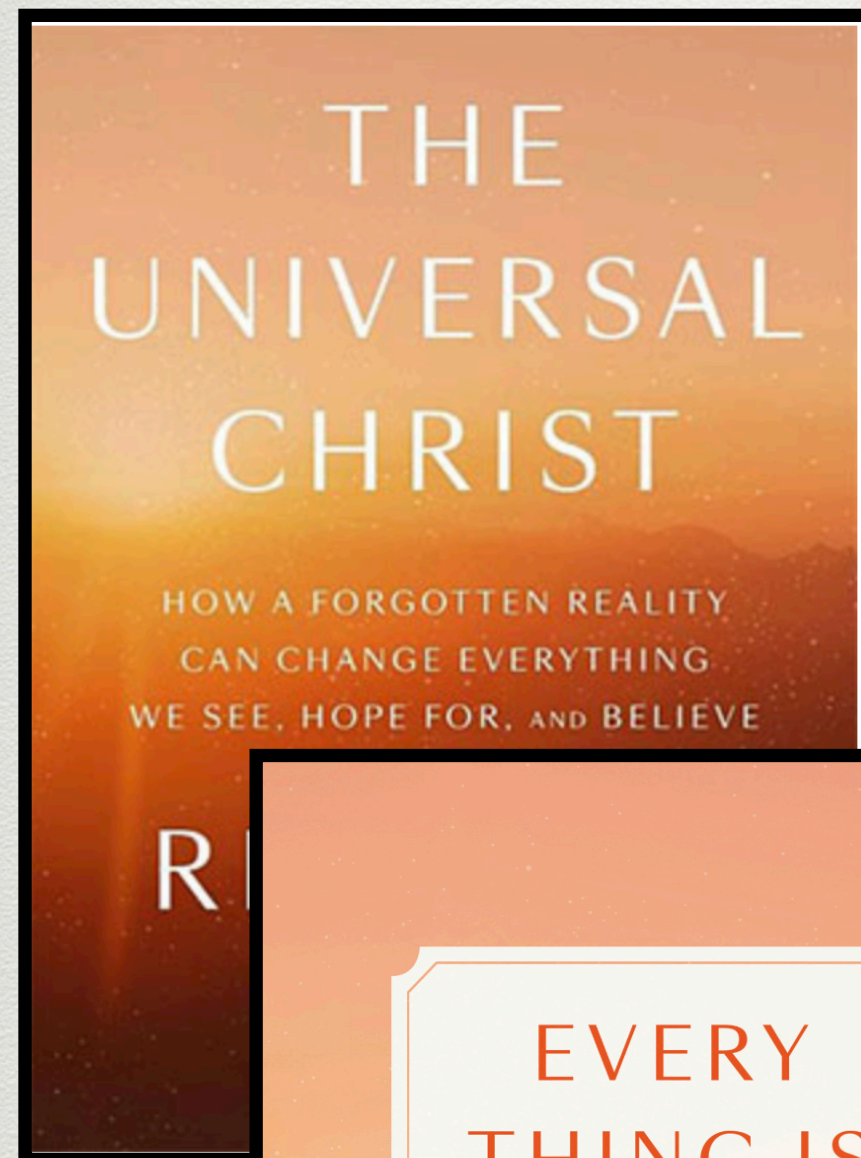
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Rev. Dr. Wayne Holst
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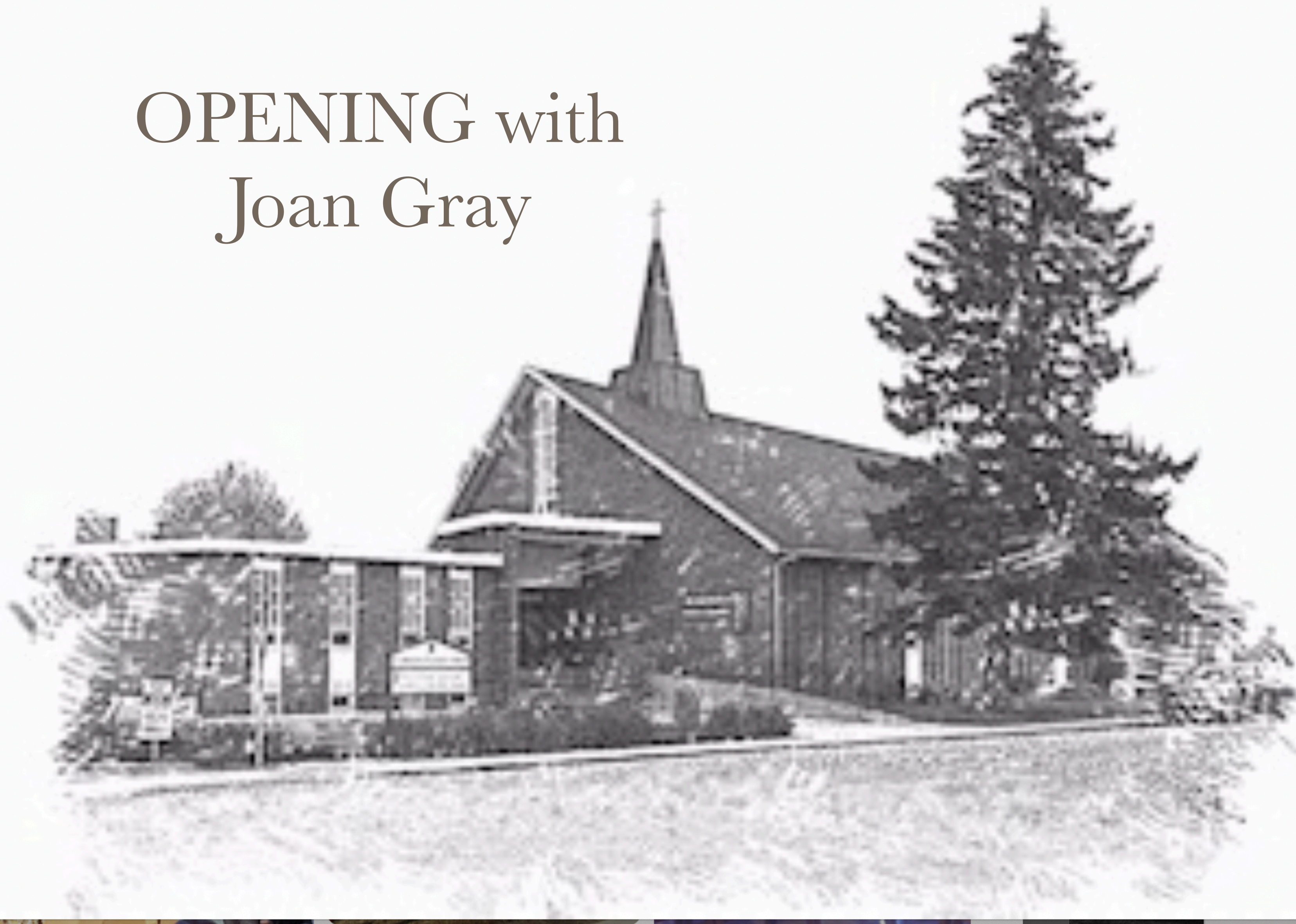
■ “Every Thing is Sacred” is a companion piece to Richard Rohr's book “The Universal Christ.”

■ Rohr and Boland offer 40 Reflections and practices exploring what it means to live in “Christ.”

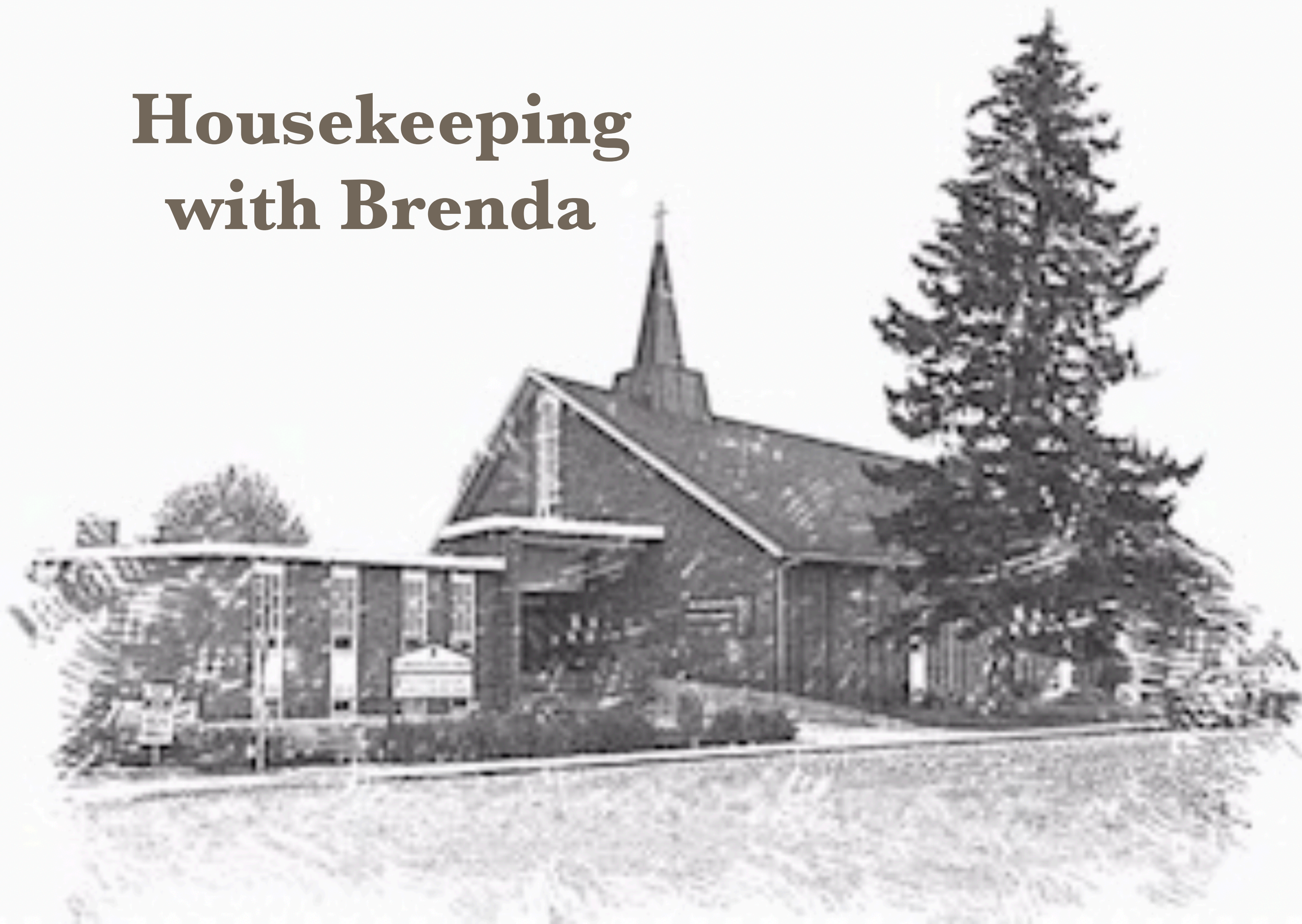
■ Our goal is not to "control" but to "understand" the material.



OPENING with
Joan Gray



Housekeeping with Brenda



Feb. 20 Reflections 8-14

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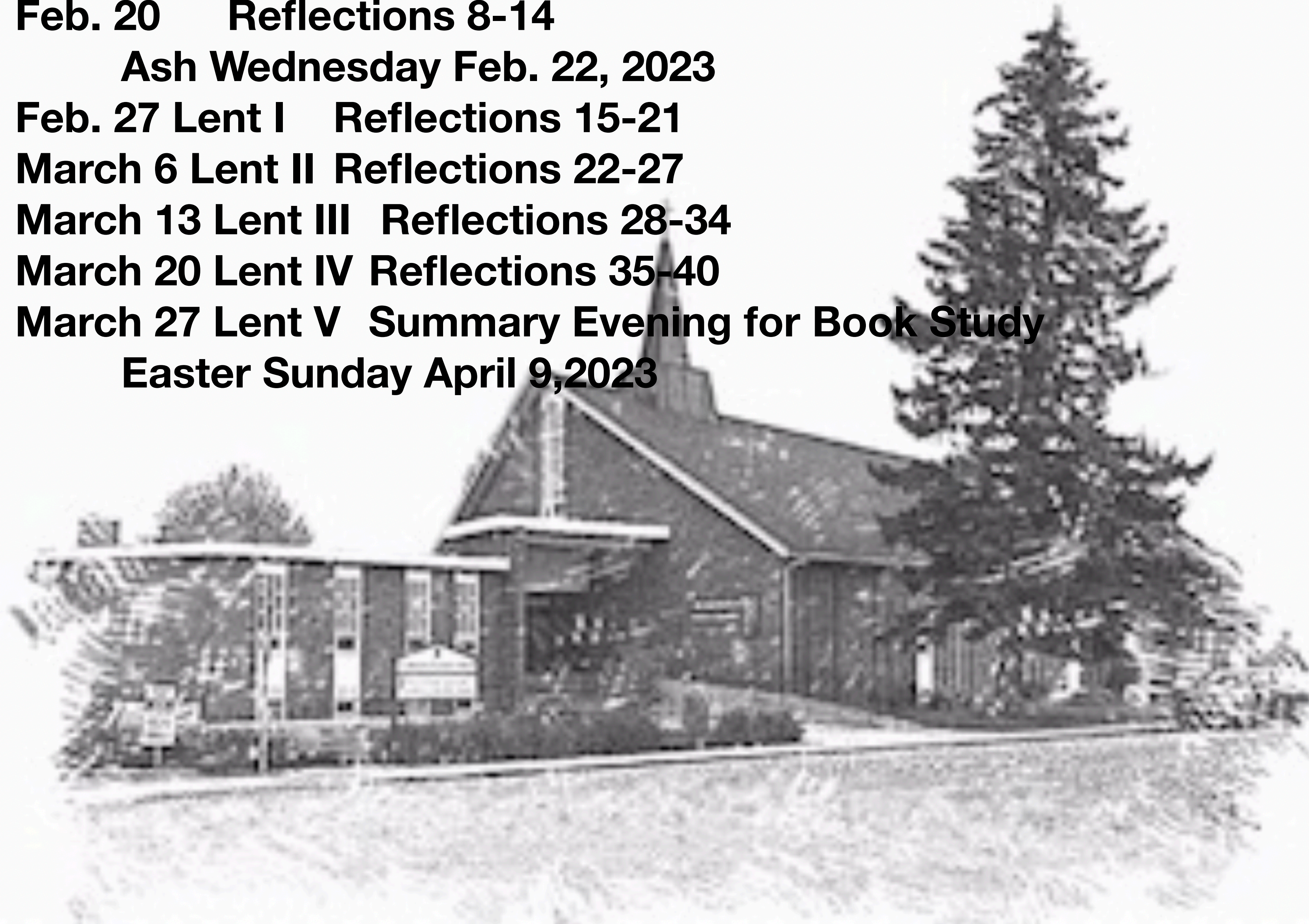
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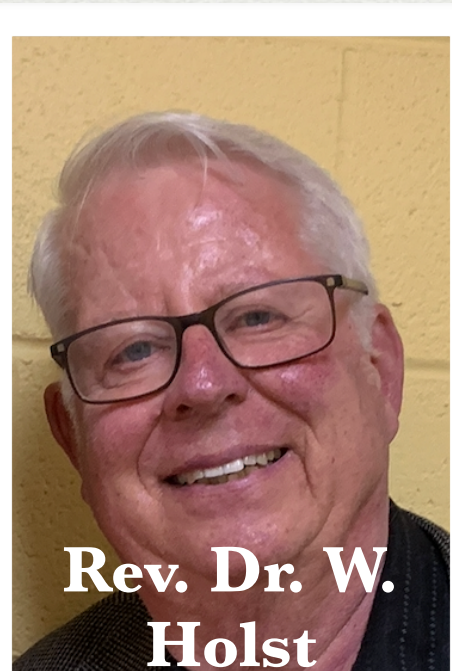
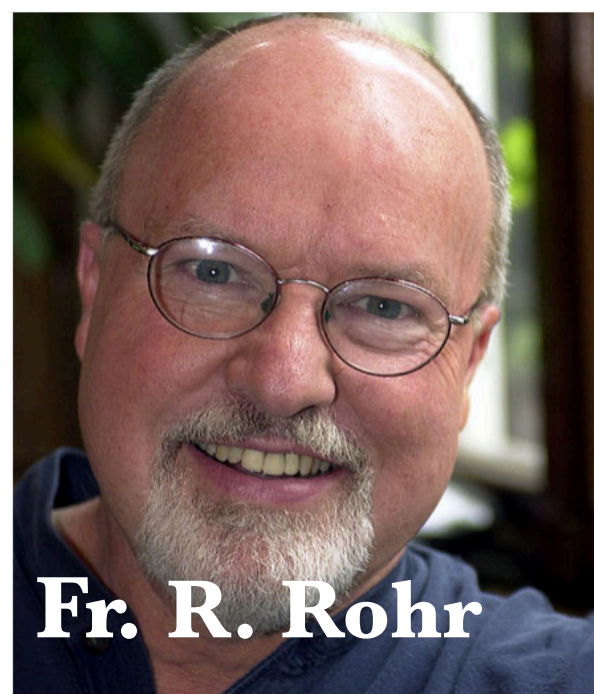
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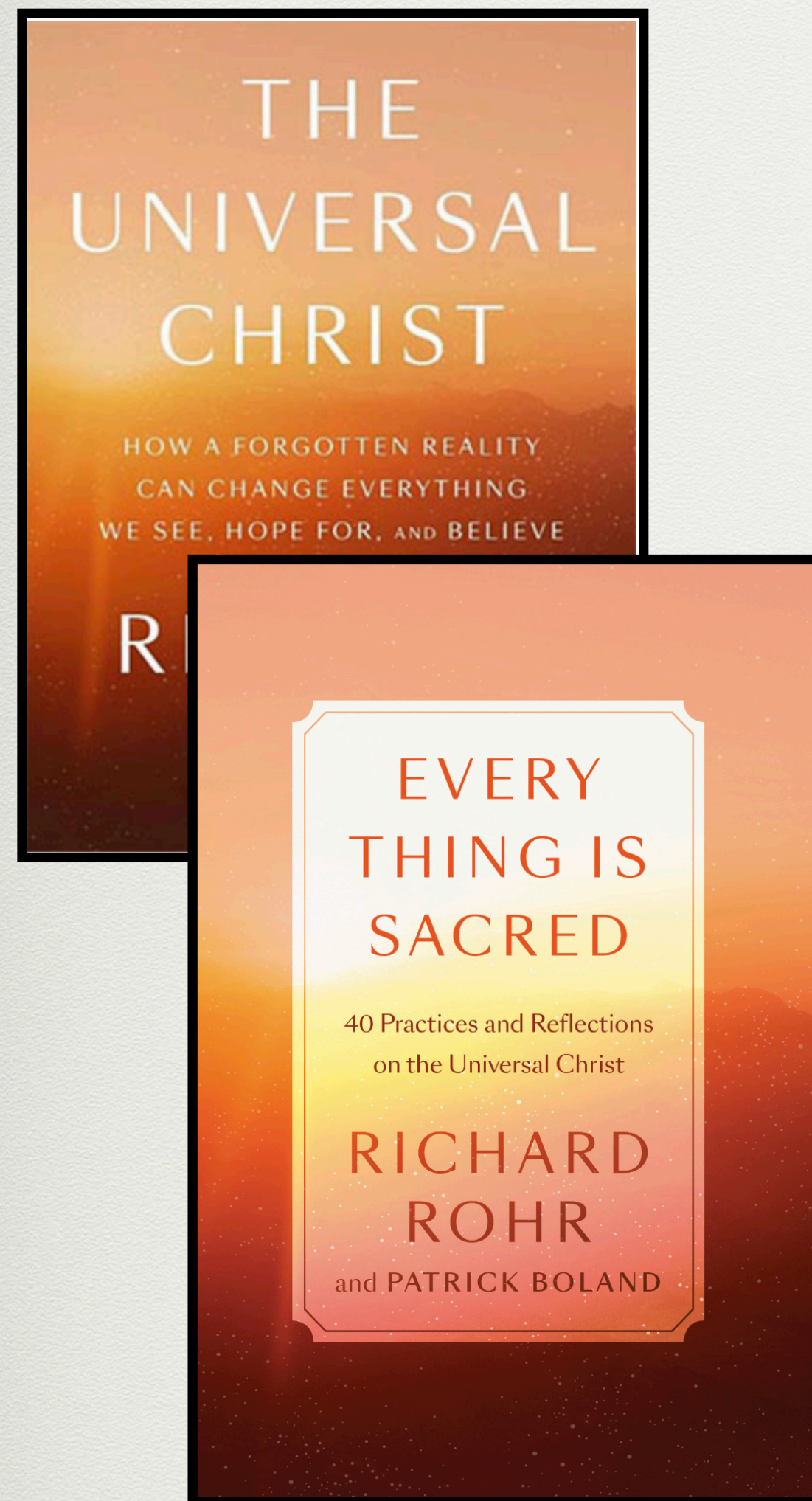
REFLECTION # ONE

Four Lenses to Perceive Reality:

- Material
- Spiritual
- Priestly
- Incarnational



WHICH RESONATES BEST WITH YOU?



Reflection Two: The Pattern of Spiritual Transformation I

We grow by moving through some perfect order — through seeming disorder to an enlightened reorder or “resurrection.”

- discuss

Reflection #3: The Pattern of Spiritual Transformation II

- Moving through the process of re-ordering can be painful.
 - "Sit with your pain until it heals you."
 - From Woundedness to new life.
 - Remove old lenses to see life anew.
- (18)



“Expect and wait for a second
naivete.” page 19

Allow for mystery or many ways to see the same thing
and let go of the need to control. (20)

Give time and space for silent prayer. (21)

REFLECTION #4: Christ is everywhere

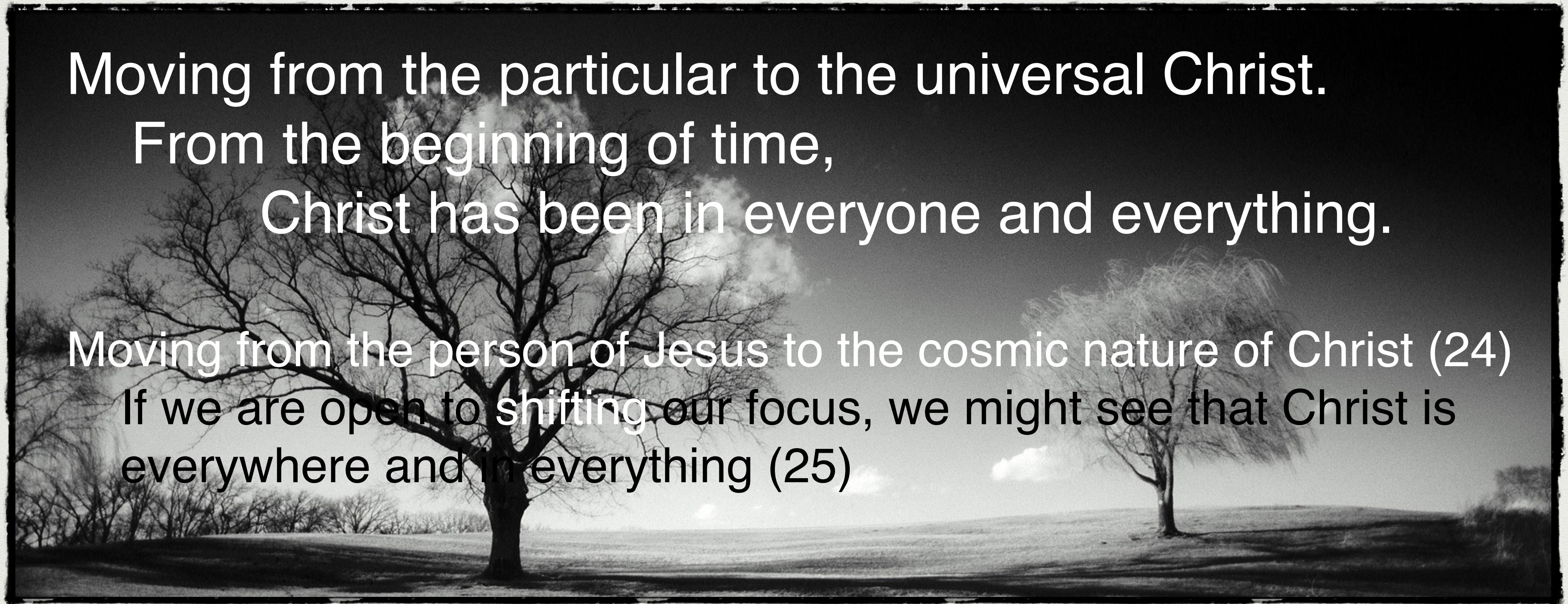
Moving from the particular to the universal Christ.

From the beginning of time,

Christ has been in everyone and everything.

Moving from the person of Jesus to the cosmic nature of Christ (24)

If we are open to shifting our focus, we might see that Christ is everywhere and in everything (25)



Reflection #5: Contemplation

The importance of learning to 'wait' (30)
Moving beyond a merely cognitive faith

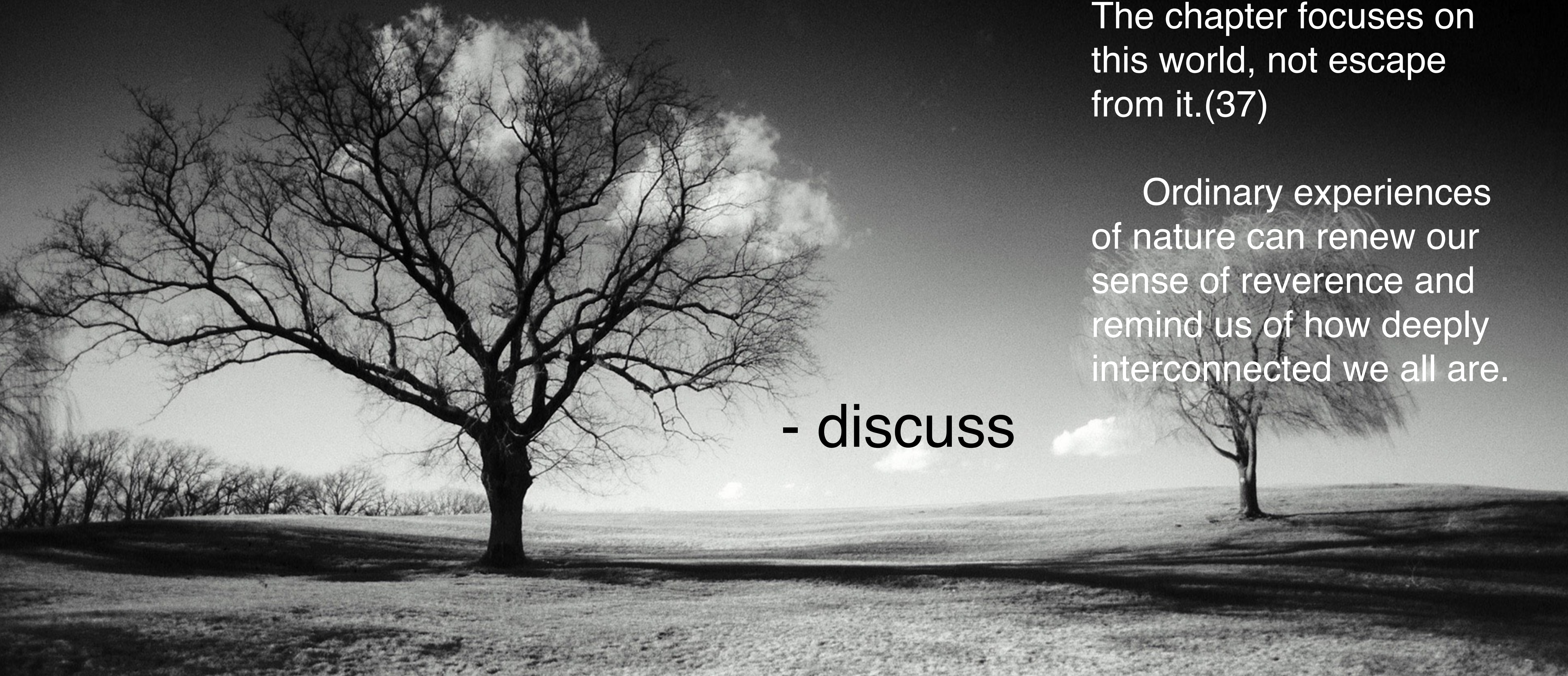
- Contemplation — a way of seeing and experiencing life in a new way.
- Accept that we will never fully know; there is always more to see, to learn, and experience of God.

REFLECTION #6: THE FIRST INCARNATION

The chapter focuses on this world, not escape from it.(37)

Ordinary experiences of nature can renew our sense of reverence and remind us of how deeply interconnected we all are.

- discuss



Reflection #7: Personal and Universal

The Second Incarnation (p. 41)

- Look for the coming of Christ from within this world and not coming to us from beyond it (42)
- We need both the personal and universal expressions of Christ (44)
- The Second Incarnation is no visitation from another world. God's presence is a revelation - a revealing and uncovering - from within this world (42)
- We need both a Jesus and a Christ to get the full picture. A truly transformative God needs to be experienced as both personal and universal. (44)

“We need a God as big as the still expanding universe, or educated people will continue to think of God as a mere add-on to a world that is already awesome, wonderful and worthy of praise in itself. If Jesus is not also presented as Christ...more and more people will not so much actively rebel against Christianity as just gradually lose interest in it.” p. 17



“There is a deep relationship between the inner revolution of prayer and the transformation of social structures and social consciousness. Our hope lies in the fact that meditation is going to change the society that we live in, just as it has changed us.”

– FATHER RICHARD ROHR

- A way to use this book: A personal experience
- Focusing on our individual and particular situation can open doors to a much broader, universal, set of spiritual discoveries.
- What do you think?

Every Thing is Sacred: Conversation with Kristin, Richard and Patrick



Fr. Richard Rohr— second of three videos on origins of “Universal Christ.”



Break out Rooms:
So what do you think so far?



Sharing Time

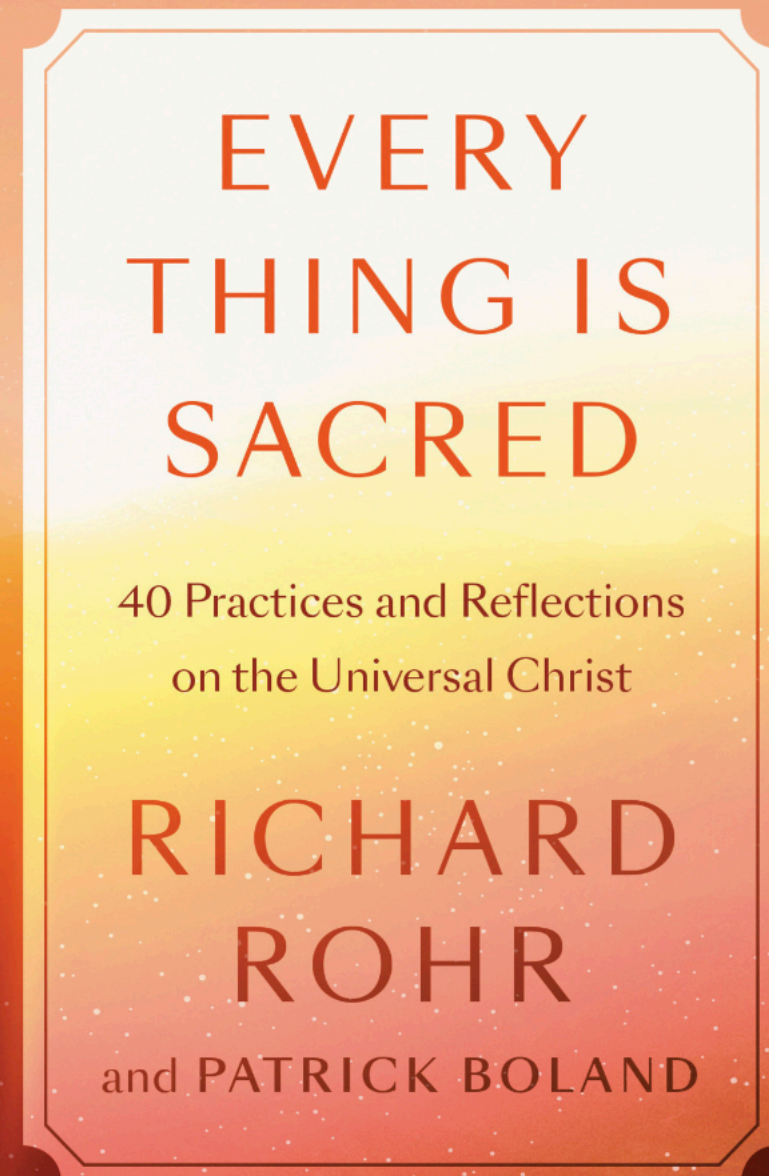


CLOSING WITH JOAN GRAY



**Readings for Session 50-03:
Reflections 8 to 14**

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