

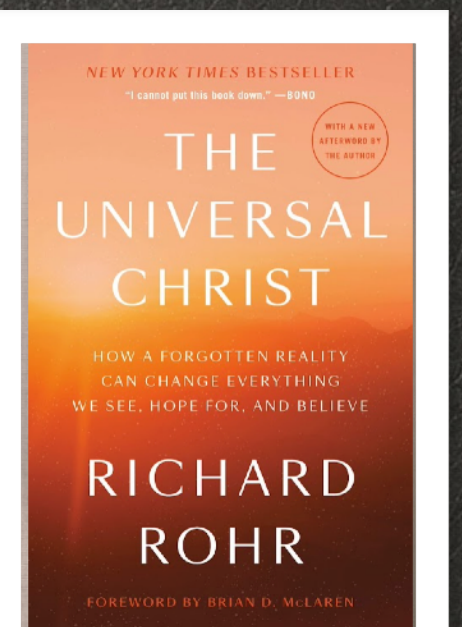
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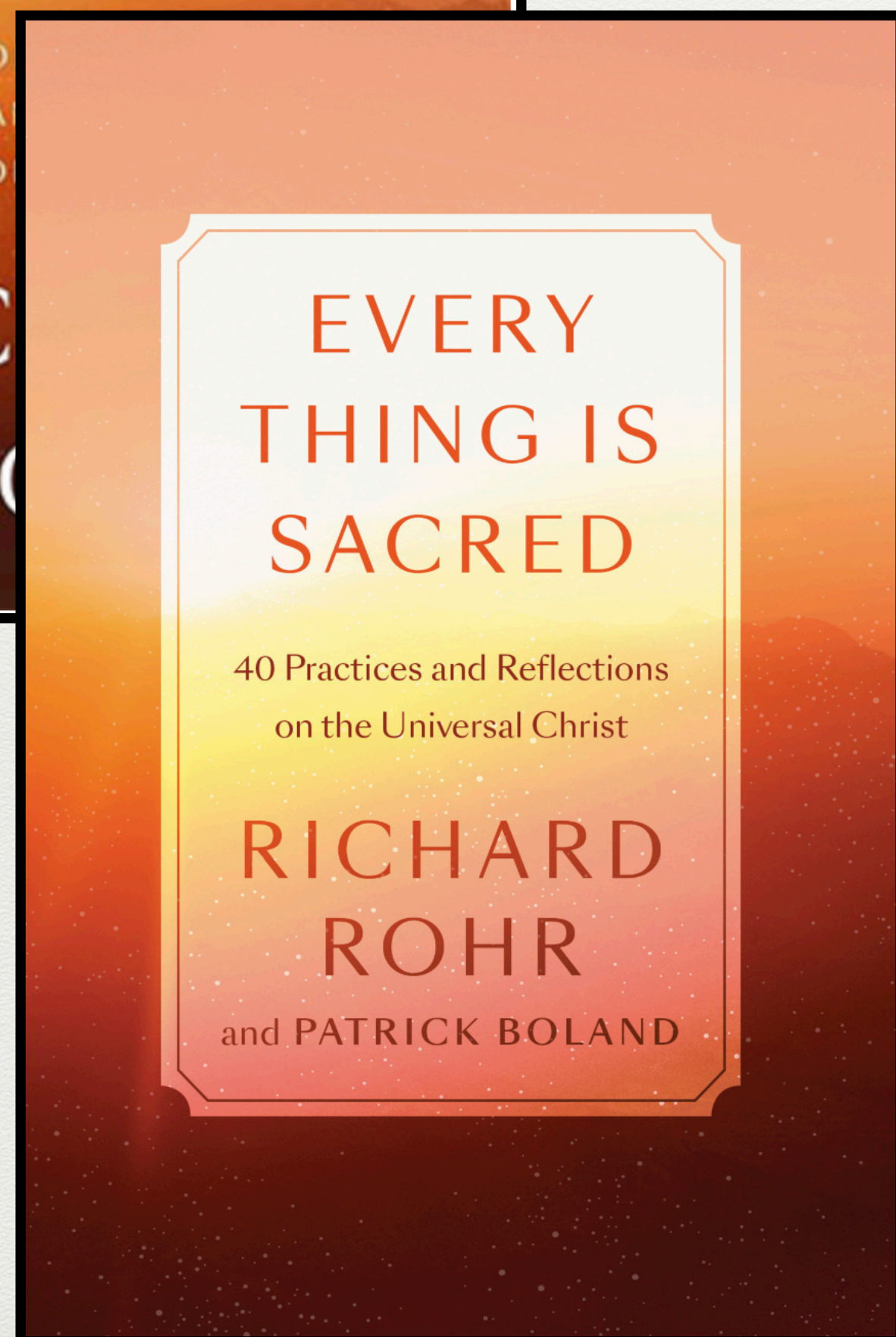
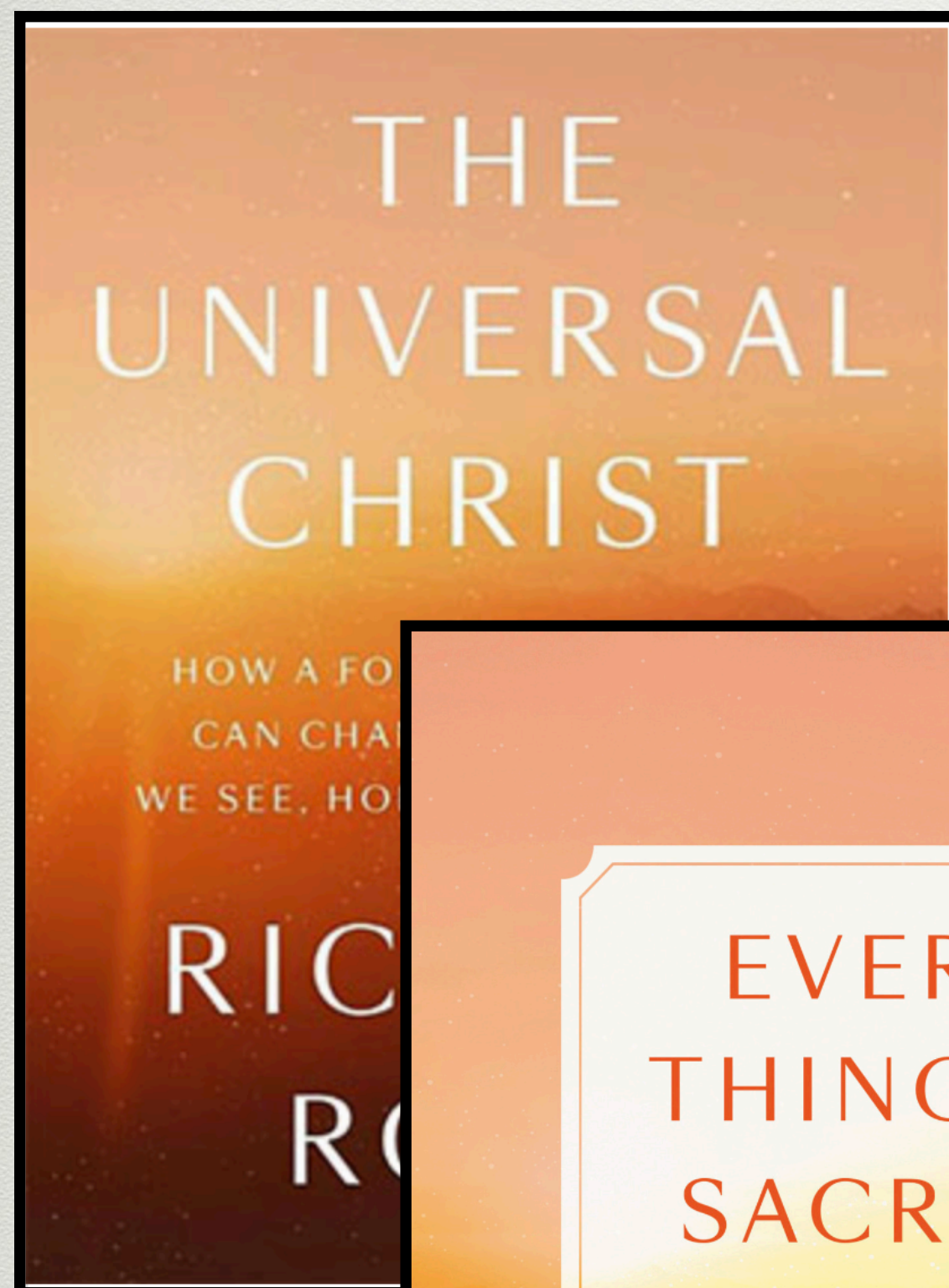
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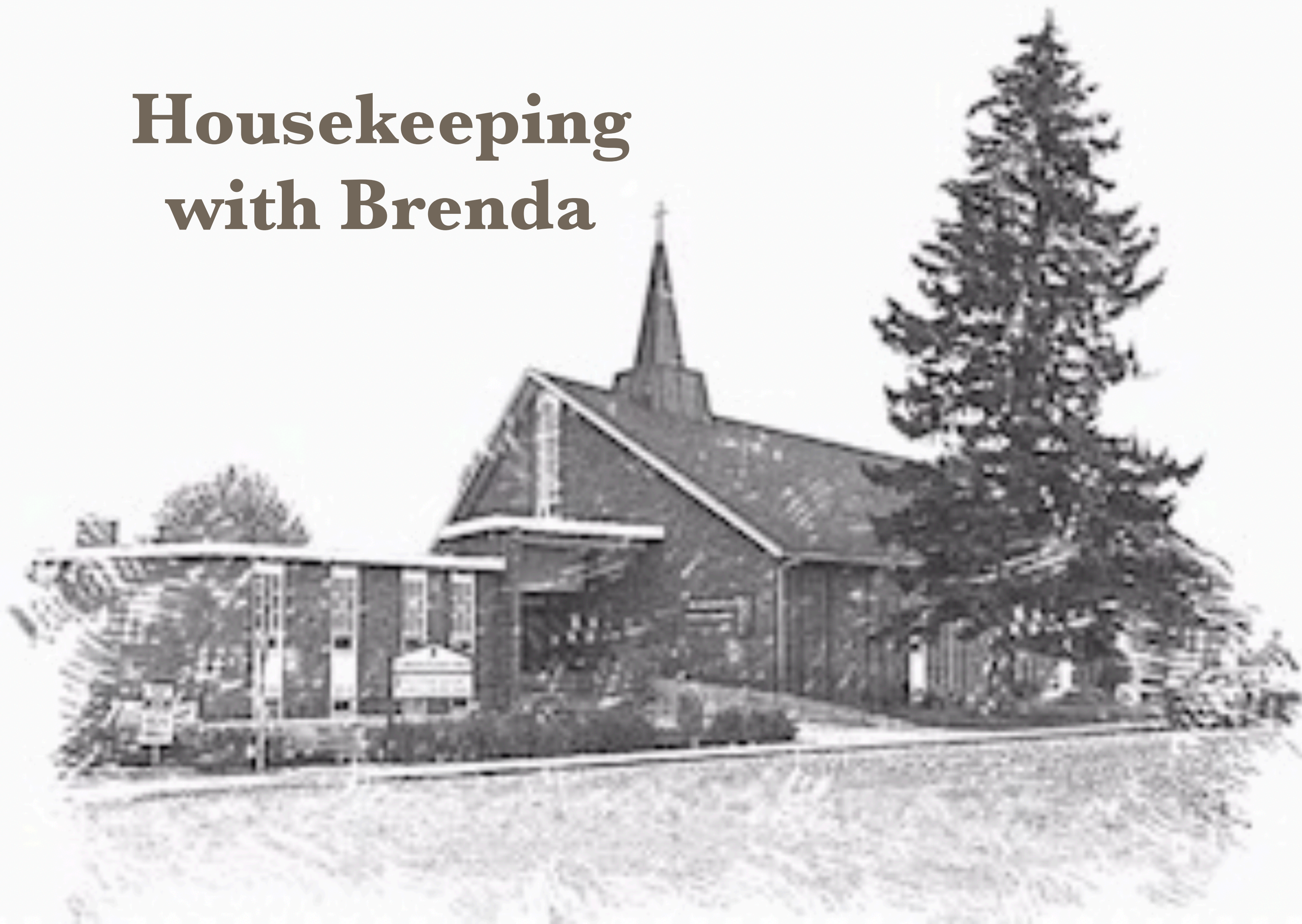
“From the particular to
the universal.”



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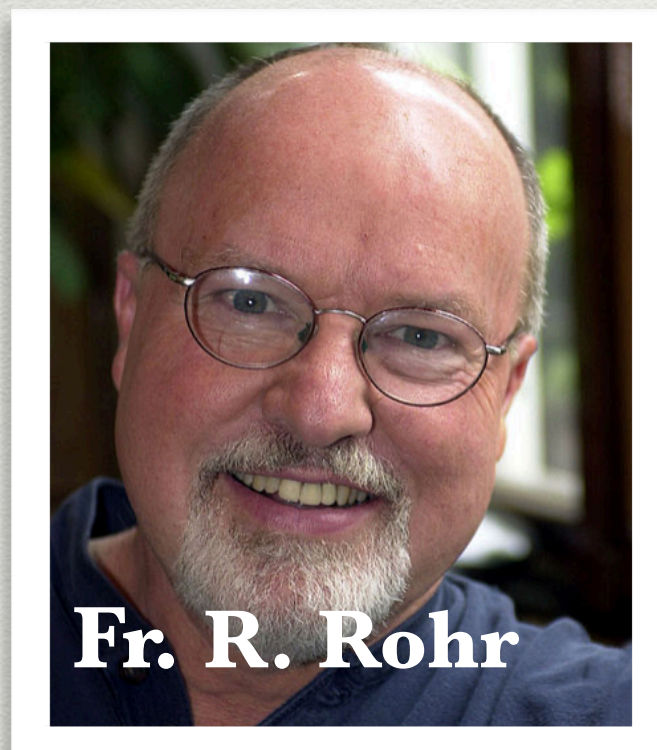
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REFLECTION # 22

the divine feminine



So much of our experience today reflects the masculine characteristic — it is warlike, competitive, mechanistic and non-contemplative.

We are drawn to challenge this by giving God a more feminine nature.
(117) How does the feminine appear in our faith tradition? (118)

There is an immense longing for the mature feminine. (119)

DISCUSS



Mary has many different Christian connotations and we need to pay more attention to this, especially in the Protestant tradition.

Question: What words or images do you think about when you consider your relationship to your own mother?

Reflection #23 the eternal yes

Mary gives her eternal “yes” in service to God and revealing Christ" (83)

In the many images of Mary, humans see our own feminine soul.



Reflect on the image of the rescuer
— good and bad (124)

- discuss

Reflection #24:

Embodiment

Many Christians struggle with connecting their bodies with spiritual experience (126)

We tend to divert our attention from our bodies to reason and our mind (126)





- **We need to start listening to our bodies and develop an embodied faith (127)**

We need to engage in more reflective exercises that focus on our bodies (128)

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

**We might distinguish between a focus on ‘my body’ and the imposition on ‘another’s body’
— being aware of abuse**

REFLECTION #25 Embodied Suffering

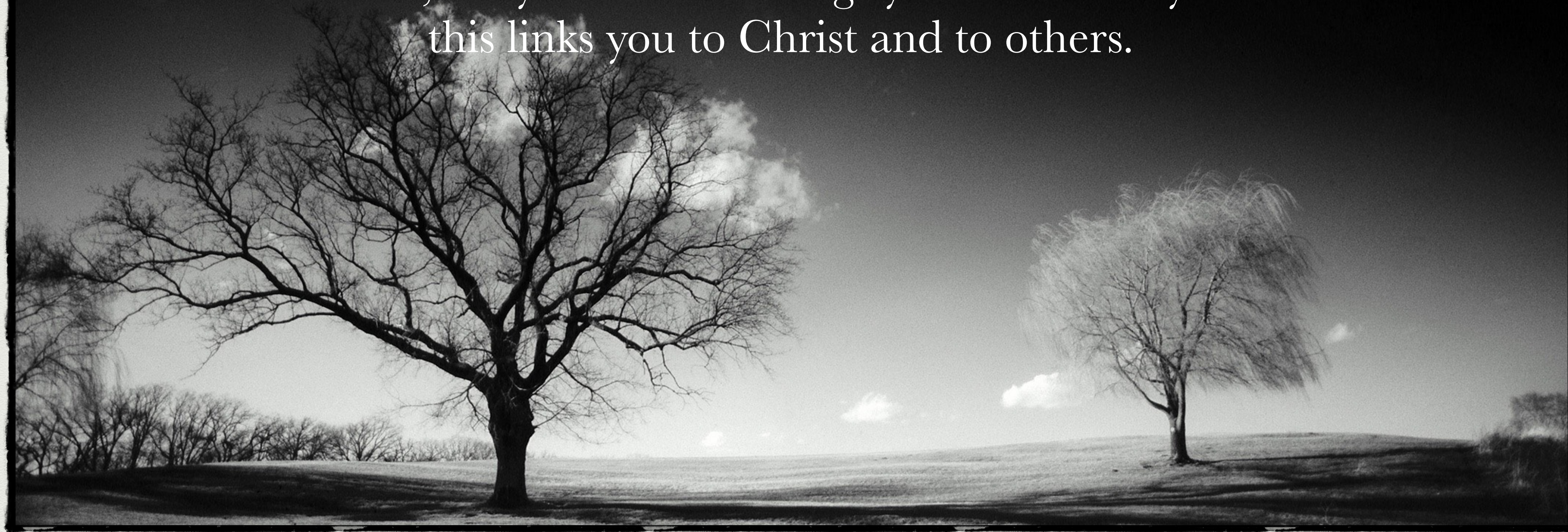
What does the Lord's Supper mean to you?



Through participation in the eucharist, some struggle to believe that they are ‘the body of Christ’ and that they are uniting with all the unjust suffering in the world in the process (132)

Wayne - Continue to reflect on the meaning of communion in light of what we are discovering in our study.

Look in the mirror; tell yourself ten things you like about yourself and how this links you to Christ and to others.



Begin to think more about linking your own body to the body of Christ when participating in the eucharist.

Reflection #26 Atonement

Does Atonement theology
(paying a price for your sin à
là Anselm) still make sense
to people in our day? (135ff)



Atonement
Theology



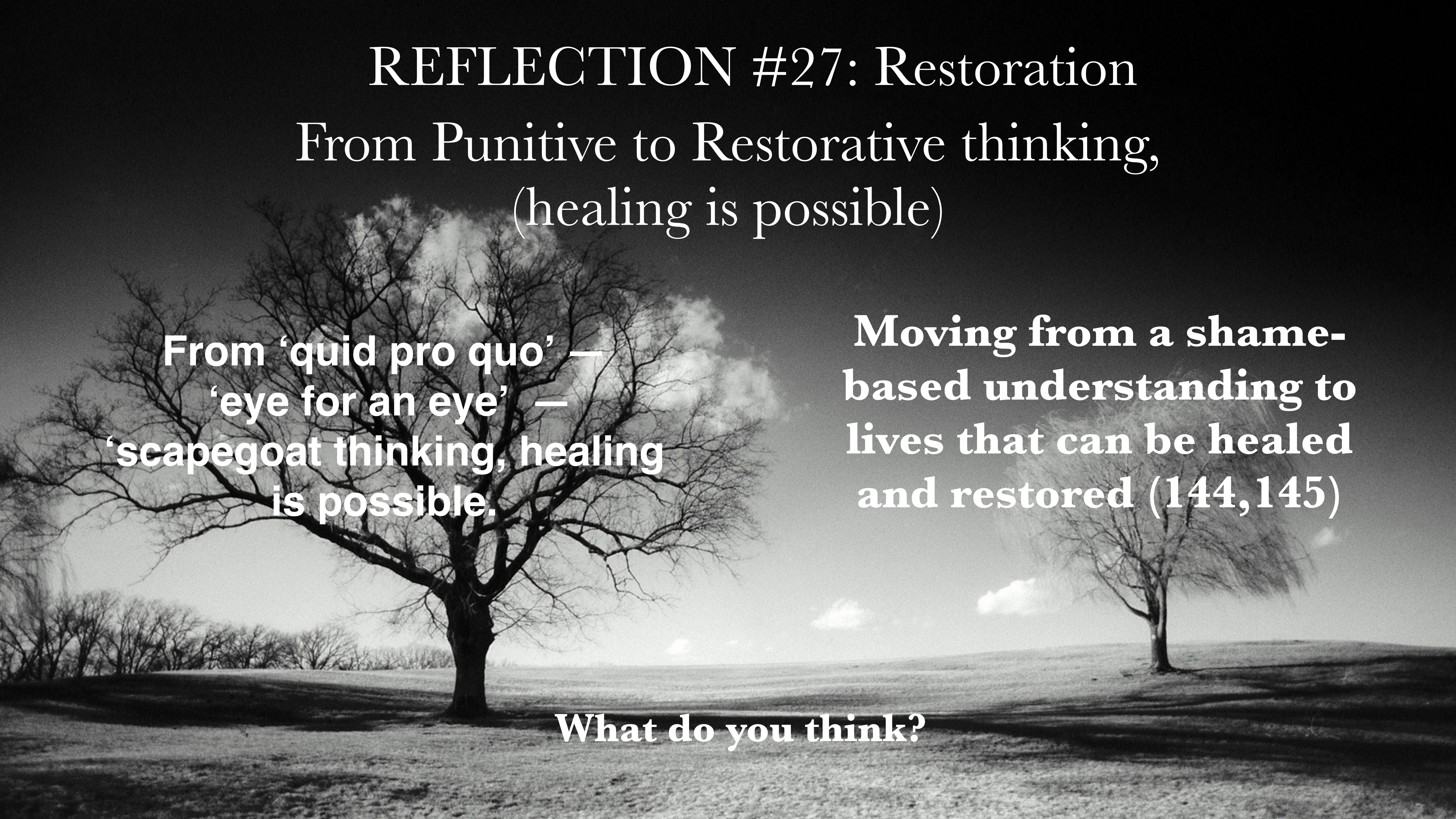
DISCUSS

*The history of atonement theology and the problems
that exist for people today.*

Transformational thinking can replace transactional thinking (138)

Meditating on the crucifix — what does it mean to you?

Reflect on the great love of God that is happening on the cross.

A black and white photograph of a large, leafless tree in a field under a cloudy sky. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. In the background, there are more trees and a horizon line. The sky is filled with clouds.

REFLECTION #27: Restoration

From Punitive to Restorative thinking, (healing is possible)

From ‘quid pro quo’ —
‘eye for an eye’ —
‘scapegoat thinking, healing
is possible.

**Moving from a shame-
based understanding to
lives that can be healed
and restored (144,145)**

What do you think?

“When we have the courage to name our sins, we no longer need to project them onto others. In taking responsibility, we can move from shame-based denial toward something that can be healed and restored within ourselves. (Reflection #27-111 of 168)



- **experience**
- **tradition**
- **scripture (readings)**



How God is revealed to Fr. Richard through Creation



39:04 to 47:00

The Green Corn Ceremony

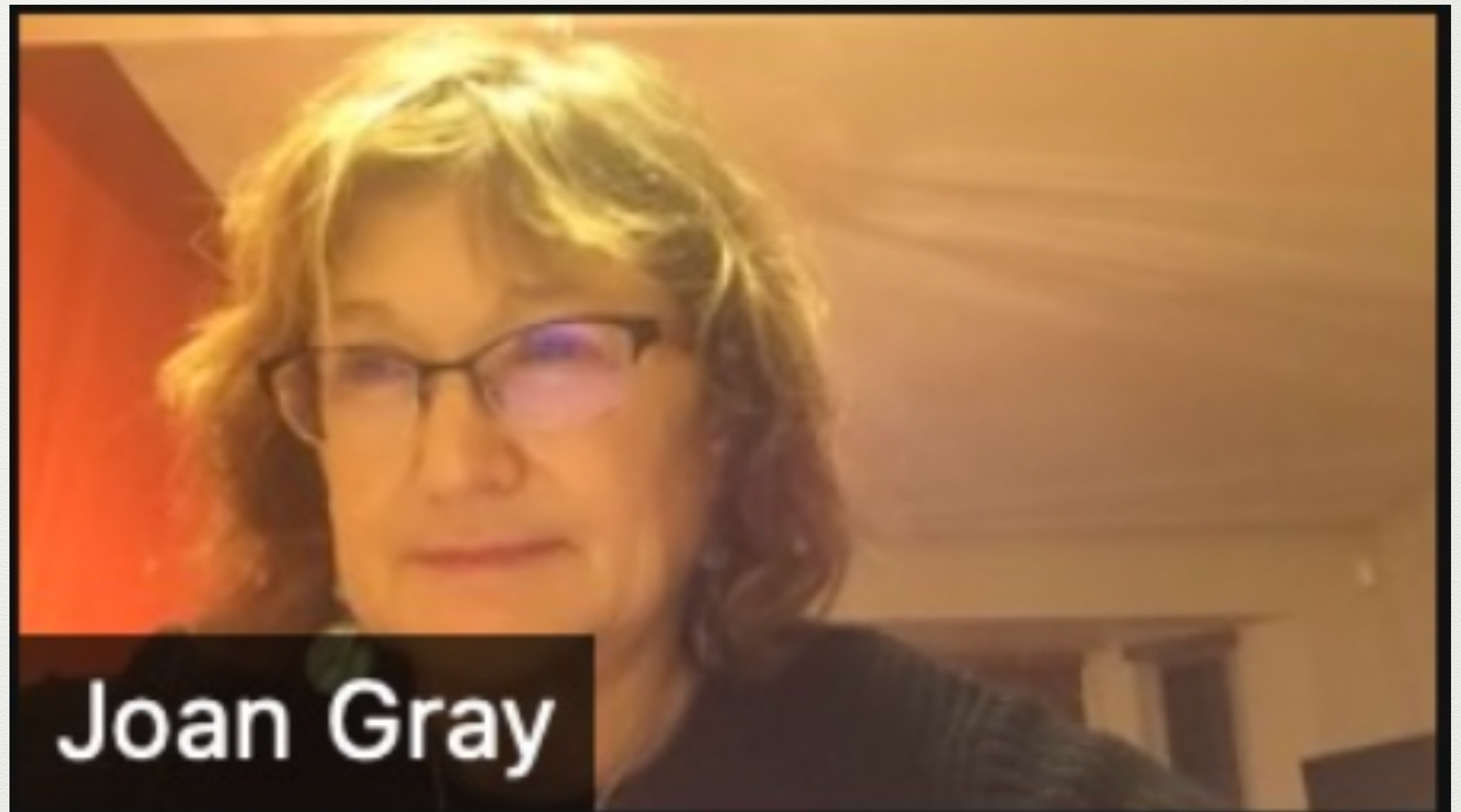


Sharing Time



Readings for Session 50-06: Reflections 28 to 34

**CLOSING with
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