

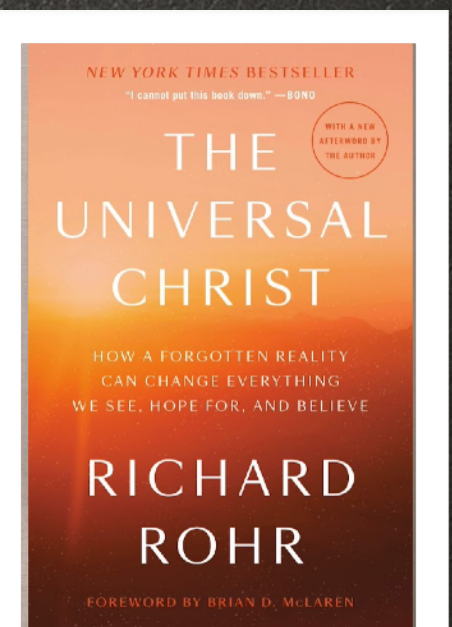
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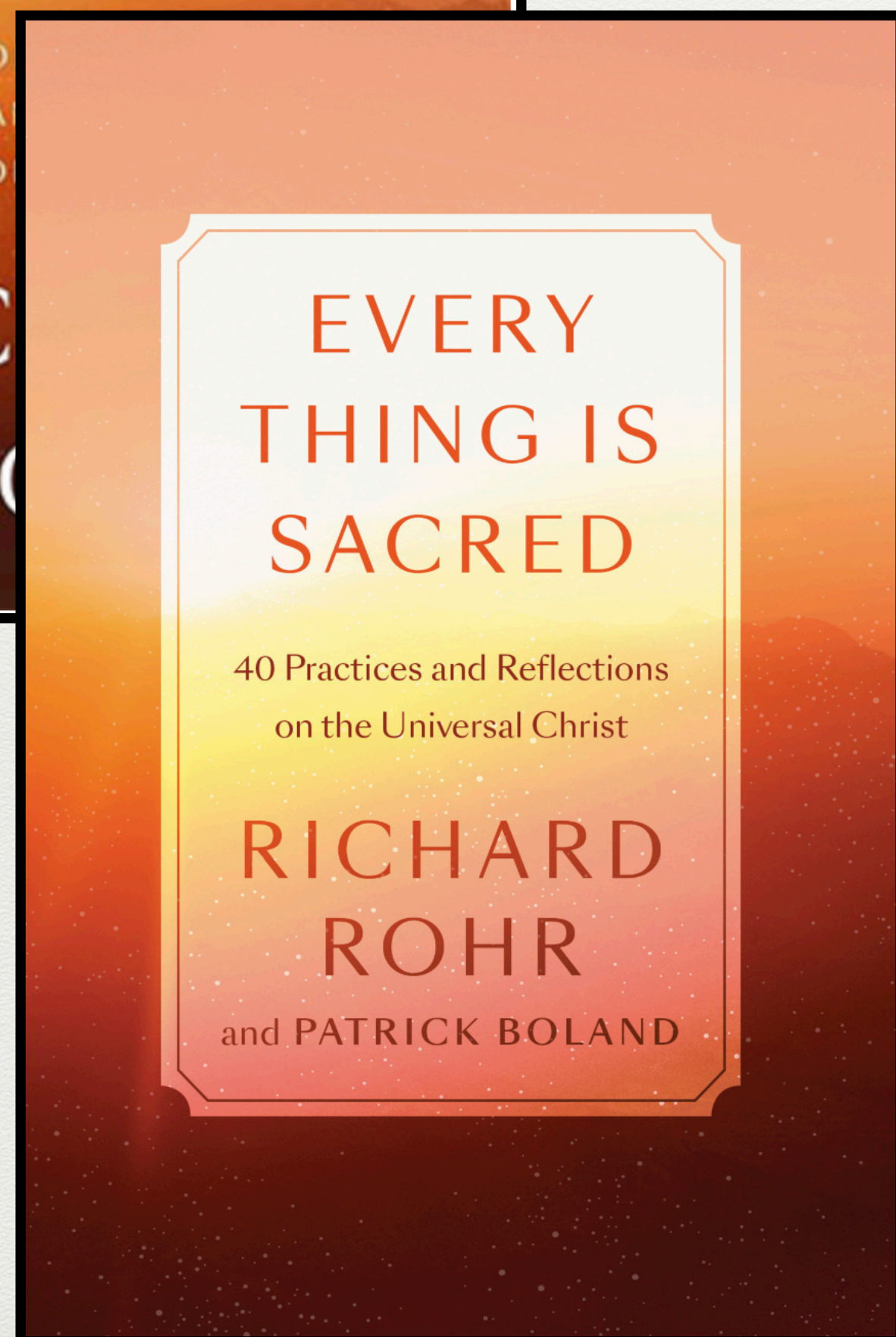
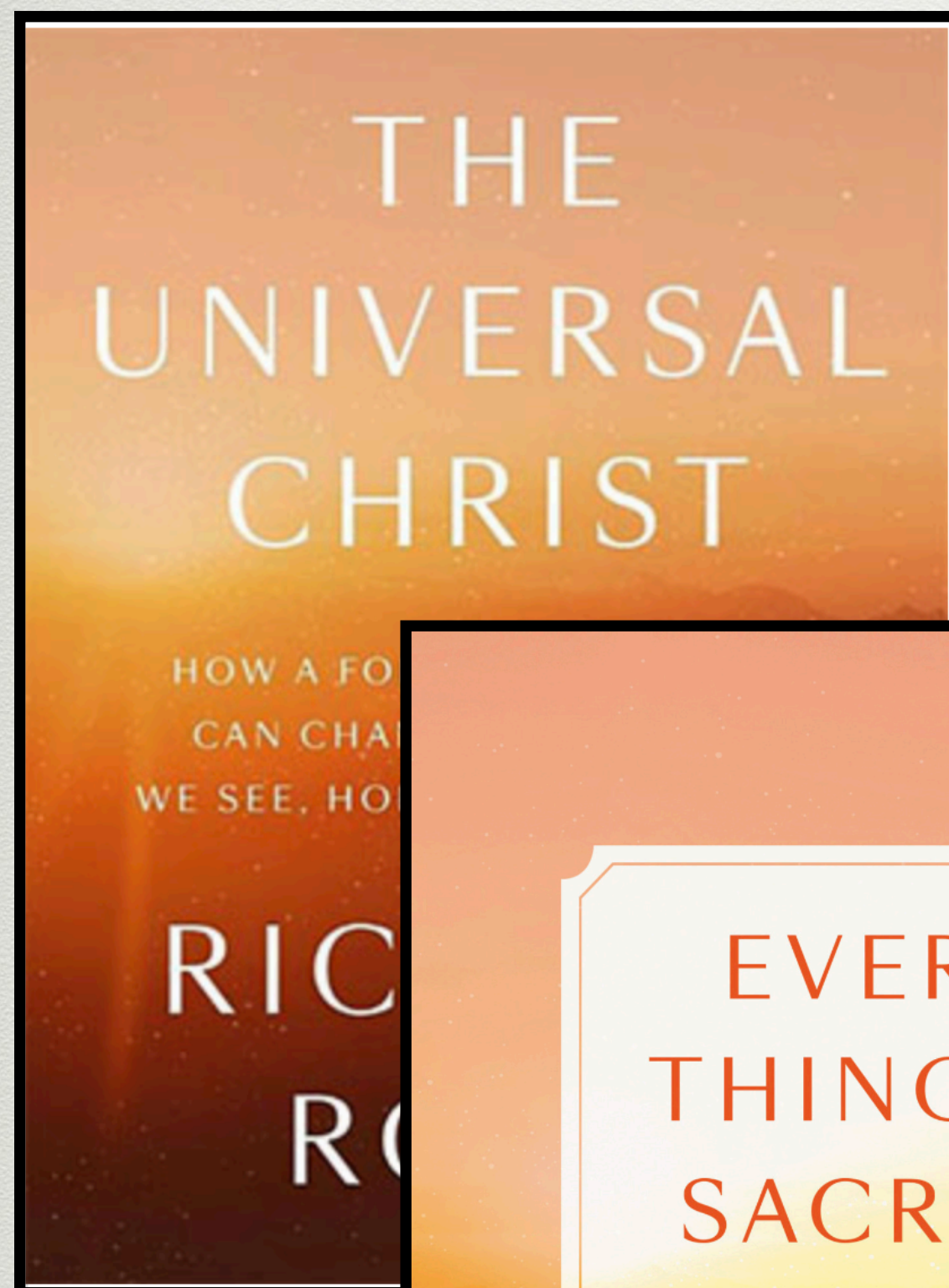
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**BEFORE WE
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“From the particular to
the universal.”



OPENING with
Carrie Newcomer and
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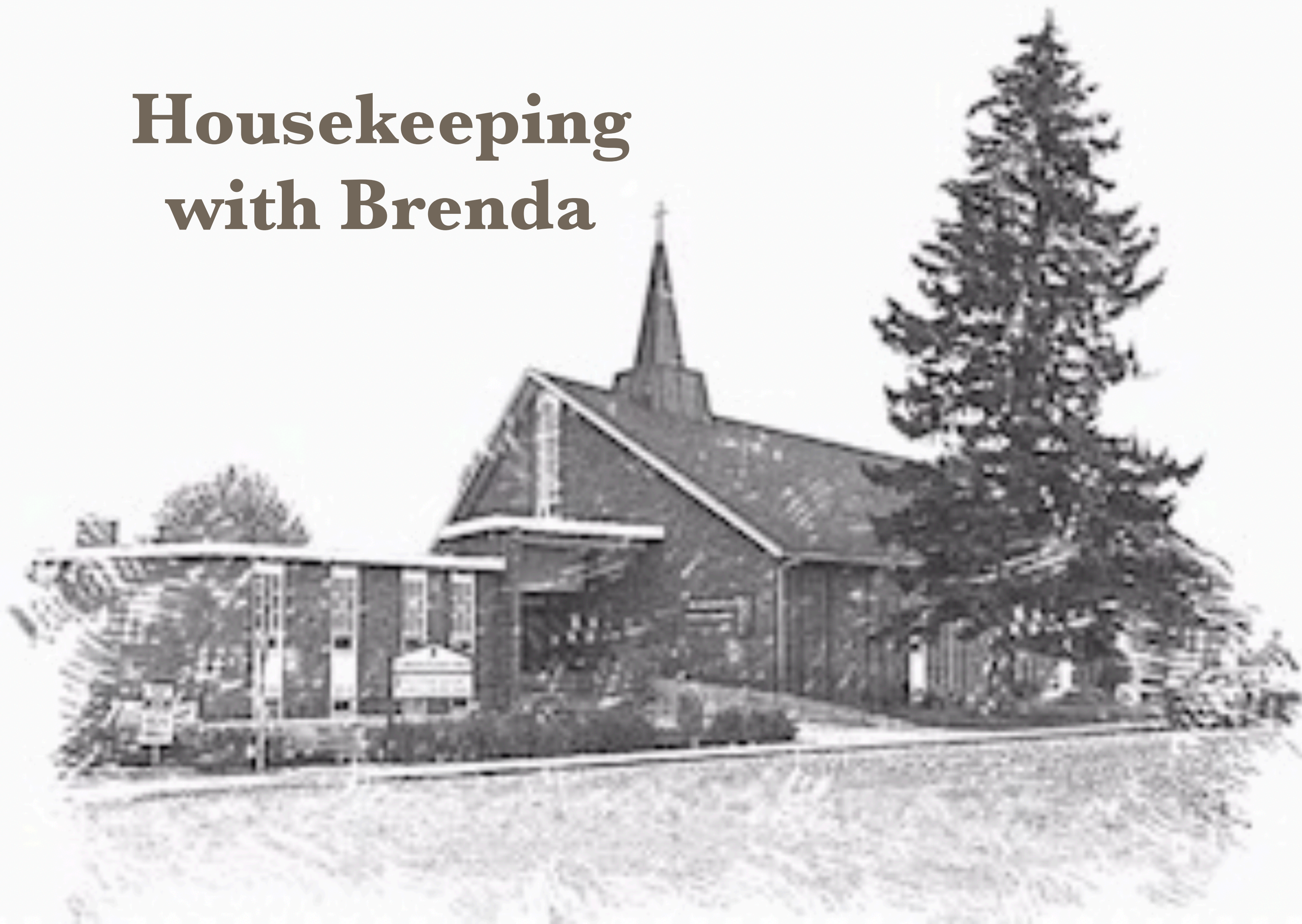
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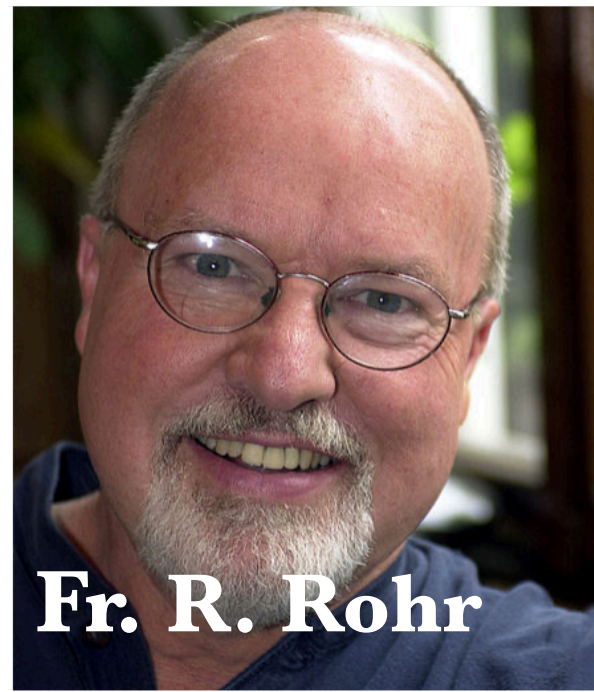
WHERE ITS BREATHLESS AND ITS EMPTY

Housekeeping with Brenda



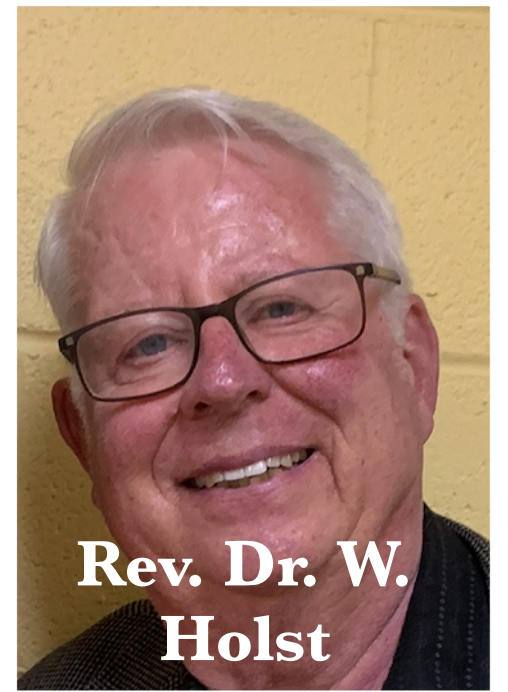
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REFLECTION # 28

Cruciform



The cross is symbolic of the Hero's Journey (149)
Reality follows a cruciform pattern (150)

My suffering connects me to all human suffering (151)
When I don't face my own personal suffering, I can't help others to
face their's. (151)

DISCUSS

THE HERO'S JOURNEY



The people who hold the contradictions and resolve them in themselves are the saviors of the world. They are the only real agents of transformation, reconciliation and newness.

“The Pattern that Connects”

Reflection #29 Total Love

What does it mean to follow Jesus on the cross? (149)

We must gain compassion toward ourselves and all who suffer. (155)



We are invited to gaze upon the image of the crucified Jesus to see how we have been “bitten” by hatred and to know God’s heart. (156/7) Allow your heart to be softened, which can lead to transformation in you. (156)

- discuss

Reflection #30: One Suffering



All great spirituality is about
what we do with our pain
(159)

As a result, we, like Jacob in
the Hebrew story, need to
learn to walk with a limp
after wrestling with the angel
(159)

**What do you think?
Do you agree?**



- Hurts can become sacred wounds that profoundly shape us (160)

We cannot do it alone and it helps us to both heal ourselves and others (161)

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In sharing our burden, we help others to care for us (162)

REFLECTION #31 ALL in One Lump

**We're saved in
groups/ communally
(163) Resurrection
can be experienced
as a universal
phenomenon (164)**

**All suffering is God's
suffering as well as our
suffering (156) Suffering
together, we experience our
common humanity (167)**

DISCUSS

Reflection #32 Resurrection

Resurrection is another word for positive change which in the short run often looks like death (169)



Nothing from good can die (170)
Life is not ended; it is merely changed (170)

EMBRACE UNCERTAINTY (173)

When we look at our life and ultimate death, do we see abundance or scarcity? (173)

DISCUSS



REFLECTION #33 Revealed as Light

Most of us have resurrection moments in the middle of our lives a high level of seeing (175)

What resurrection moments have you experienced in the midst of grief, pain and challenge? (178)

What caused these experiences to happen? (178)

Your Thoughts ?

REFLECTION 34: HELL

Are we frightened or loved into God? (179)

Are we more influenced by Dante's hell
or the New Testament picture of it? (181)



Discuss



To develop an alternate view of
hell, we have to challenge
deeply held notions (182)

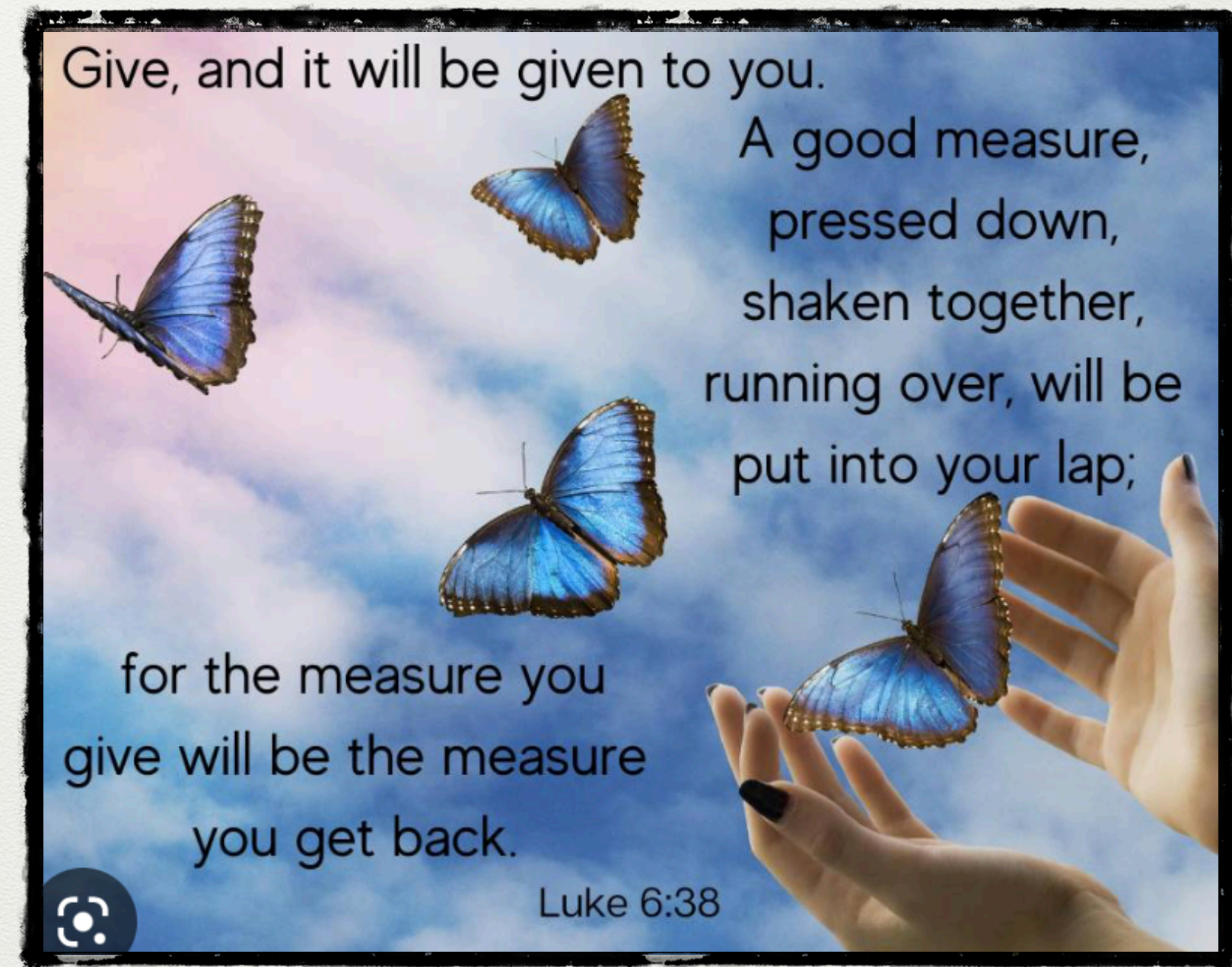
Divine retribution (punishment)
vs. limitless love (healing) 183

Are the authors' views of
hell familiar or not?

What do you think?

“As long as you operate inside any scarcity model, there will never be enough God or grace to go around. Jesus came to undo our notions of scarcity and tip us over into a worldview of absolute abundance — or what he would call the “Reign of God.” (Reflection #34)

The Gospel reveals a divine world of infinity, a worldview of enough and more than enough. Our word for this undeserved abundance is Grace.



- overcoming early-learned fear of God & experiential love
 - role of reason on the tricycle model of theology



48:00 to 54:00

Eastern Orthodox Tradition of Heaven and Hell

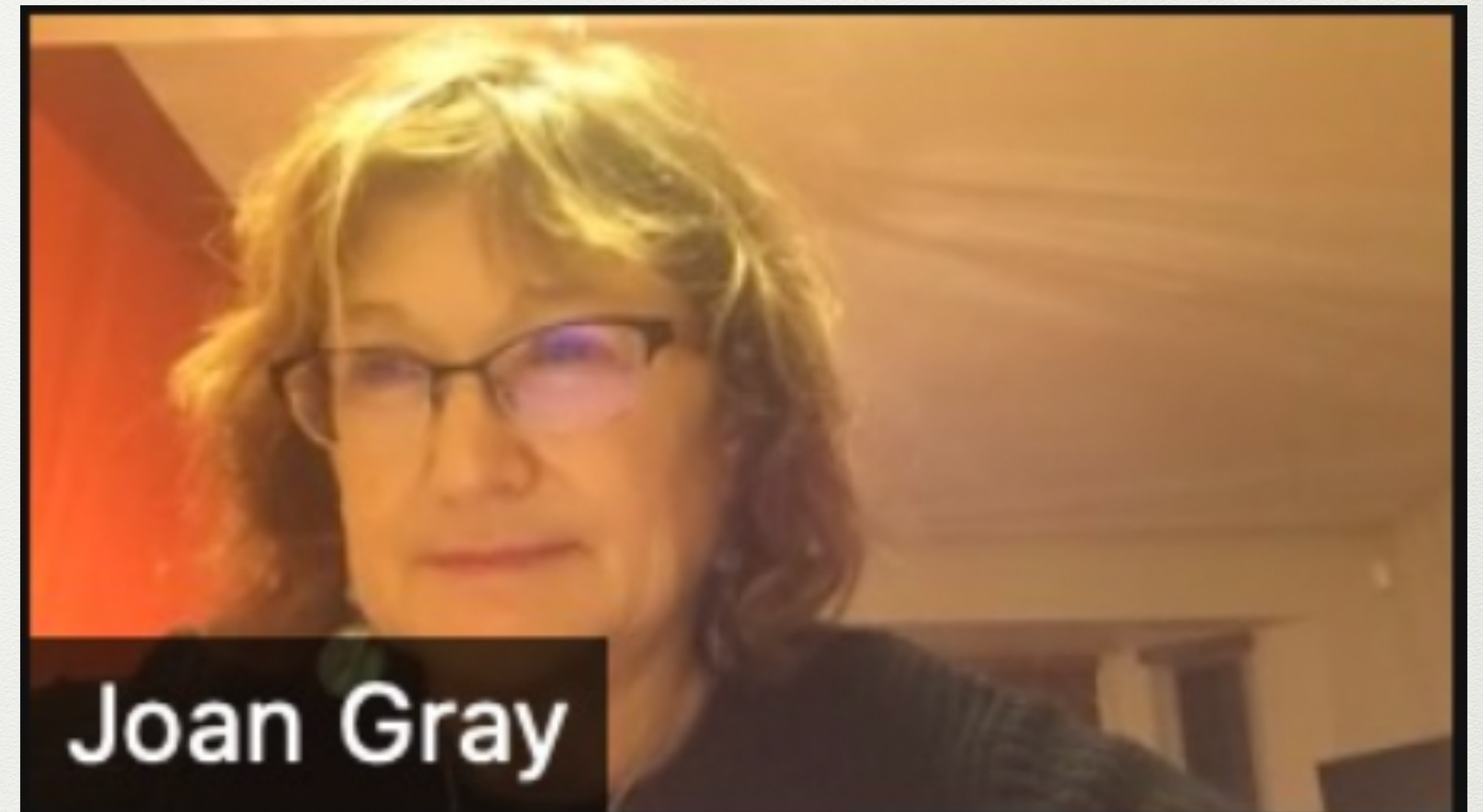


Sharing Time



Readings for Session 50-07: Reflections 34 to 40

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