



A Mighty Fortress

Psalms 46:1-3

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, ein gute Wehr und Waffen
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, die uns hat überfallen
Vnd trett die hoch zu Roß, vnd trett die hoch zu Fuß
Er prüft sie alle, die sie setzen: so wil er doch gelien sein
Der als das Eisen mit dem Stahl er nicht zerbricht, er
Der Feust der Feust, die Feust, die Feust, die Feust, die Feust
Vnd wil list sein, sein gantzem vnter ist, er wil sich nicht
Vnd doch nicht, er wil sich nicht, er wil sich nicht, er wil sich nicht

Martin Luther

"Ein' feste Burg."



“As the need to be right is a great threat to conversation... The theological method of orthoparadoxy surrenders the right to be right for the sake of movement toward being reconciled one with the other, while simultaneously seeking to bring the fullness of convictions and beliefs to the other. Current theological methods that often stress agreement/disagreement, win/loss, good/bad, orthodoxy/heresy and the like set people up for constant battles to convince and convert the other to their way of believing and being in the world.”

Dwight Friesen, *An Emergent Manifesto of Hope*



“The problem with orthodoxy or authoritative dogmatic claims is that they are conversation stoppers.”

Dwight Freisen, *Orthoparadoxy: Emerging Hope for Embracing Difference* 211

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*"The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood." – John 1:14, The
Message*

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For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools

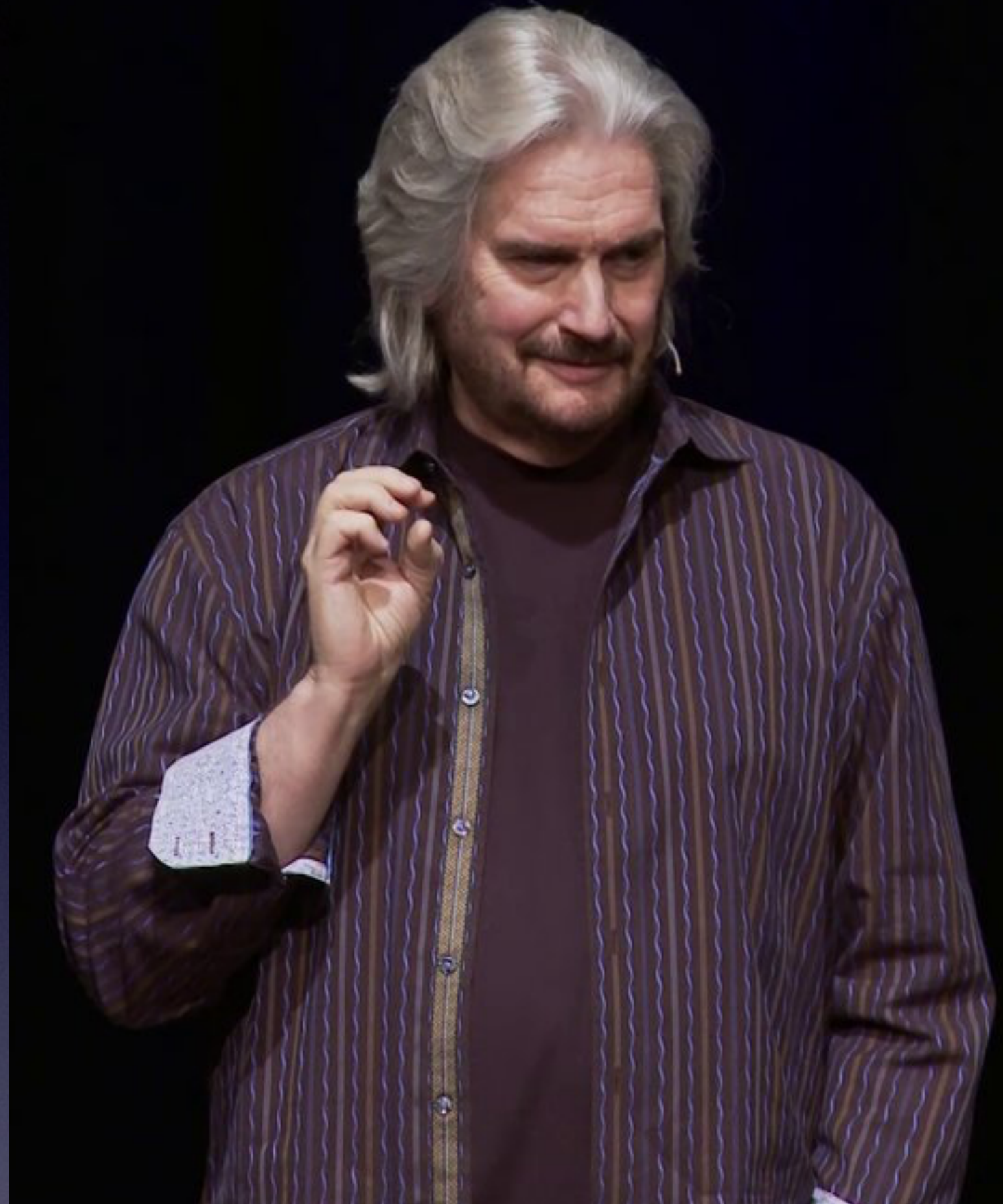
Romans 1:20-22

D.Min. Semiotics and Future Studies

“The Leadership in Emerging Culture Doctor of Ministry (DMin) tracks explore the character and shape of effective Christian leadership in the emerging culture.

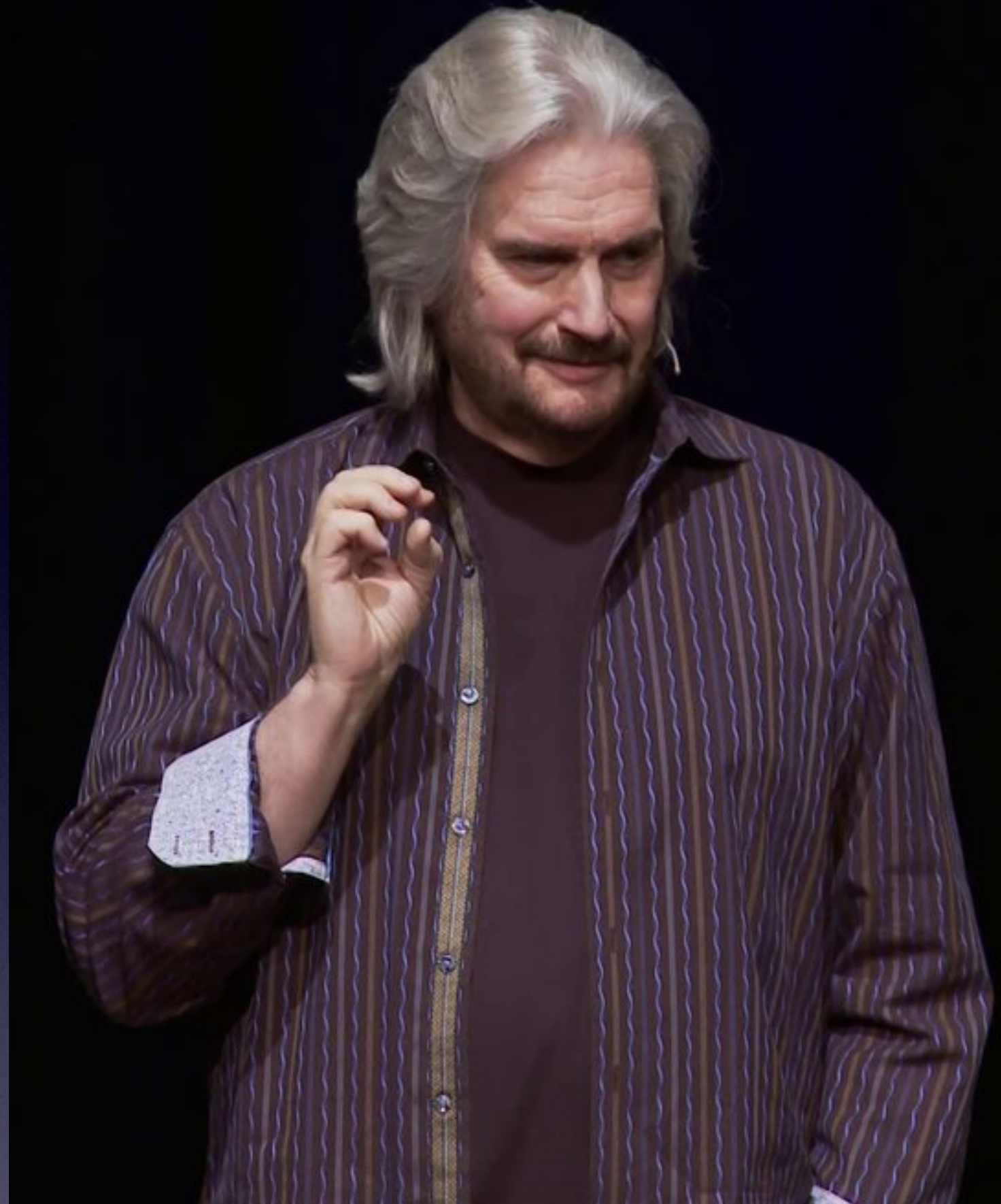
The Semiotics and Future Studies Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program with **Dr. Leonard (Len) Sweet** prepares an advance guard of Jesus semioticians, leaders adept at seeing signs of Jesus’ work in the world. These followers of Jesus are not afraid of the future but are excited about its possibilities and promises, while aware of its perils and pitfalls.”

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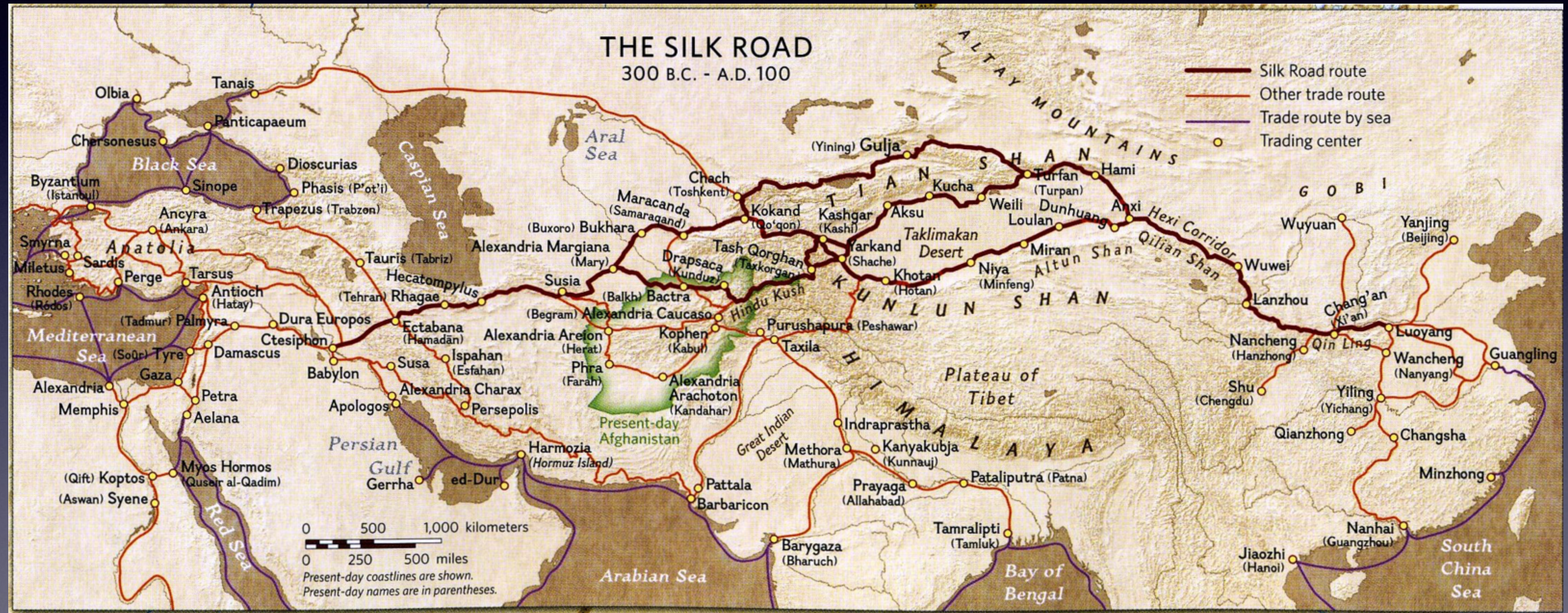
“The approach is an ancient-future one of **MRI** (Missional, Relational, Incarnational) discipleship, using an **EPIC** (Experiential, Participatory, Image-Rich, Connective) interface. Students explore how to transition the church from its current default of **APC** (Attractional, Propositional, Colonial) to **MRI**, and play with a variety of **EPIC** interfaces.”



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Ancient-Future

Ancient Mysticism & the Desert Fathers



Ancient-Future

Smyrna



And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Revelation 2:8-9

Missional
Relational
Incarnational

Missional as opposed to attractional.
Social Gospel, Liberation Theology.
Peace Corp. vs. Missionary

Relational - Conversation,
Friendship, dialectical

Jesus was **incarnated** into the culture of this world. An Emergent Christian must **incarnate** the gospel through joyful participation in a culture's glory and honest engagement in its darkness.

Experiential
Participatory
Image-Rich
Connective

Group Mystical Experience

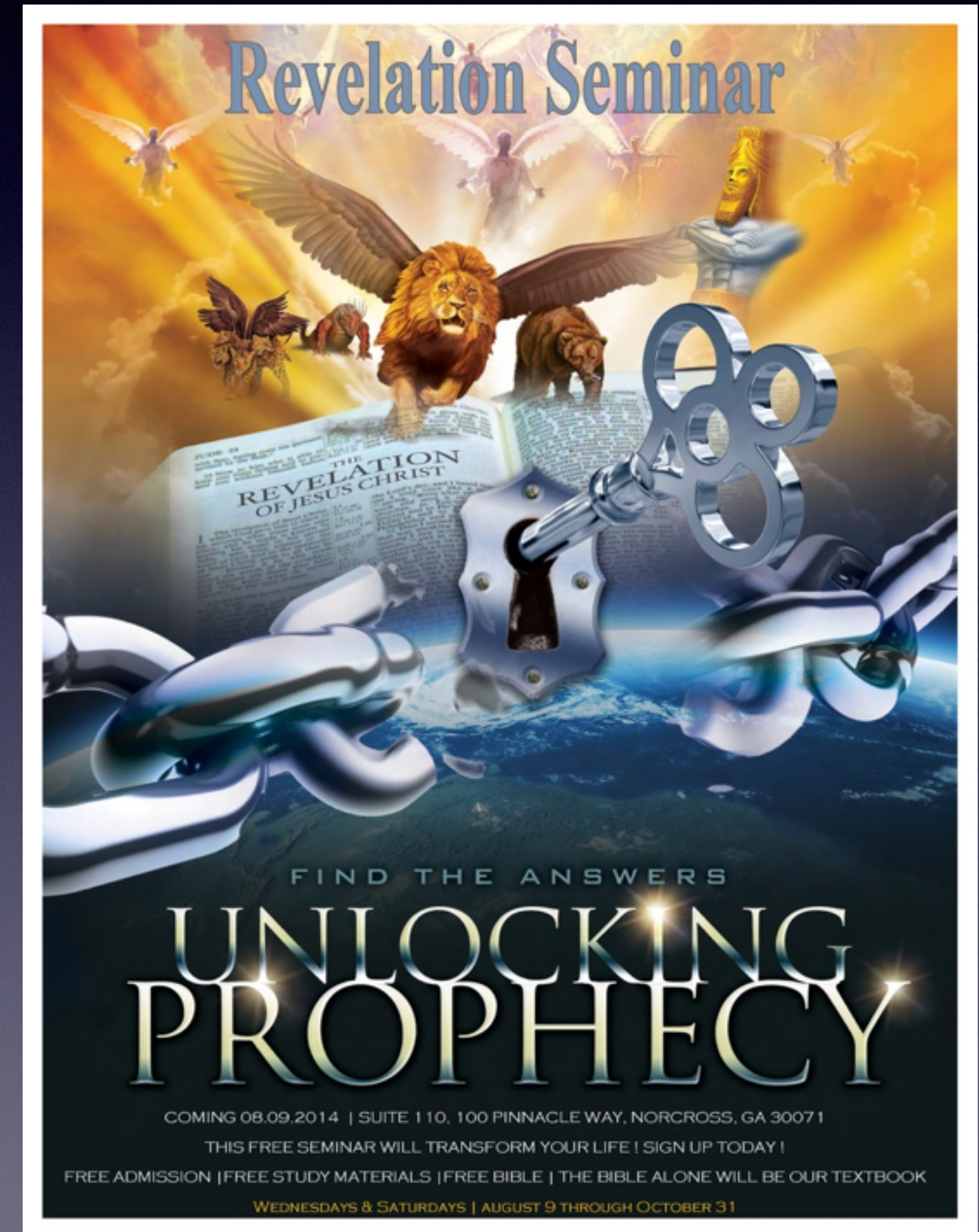


Attractional Propositional Colonial

Attractional means they market themselves.

Propositional truth is church doctrine.

Colonial is denominational, evangelistic.



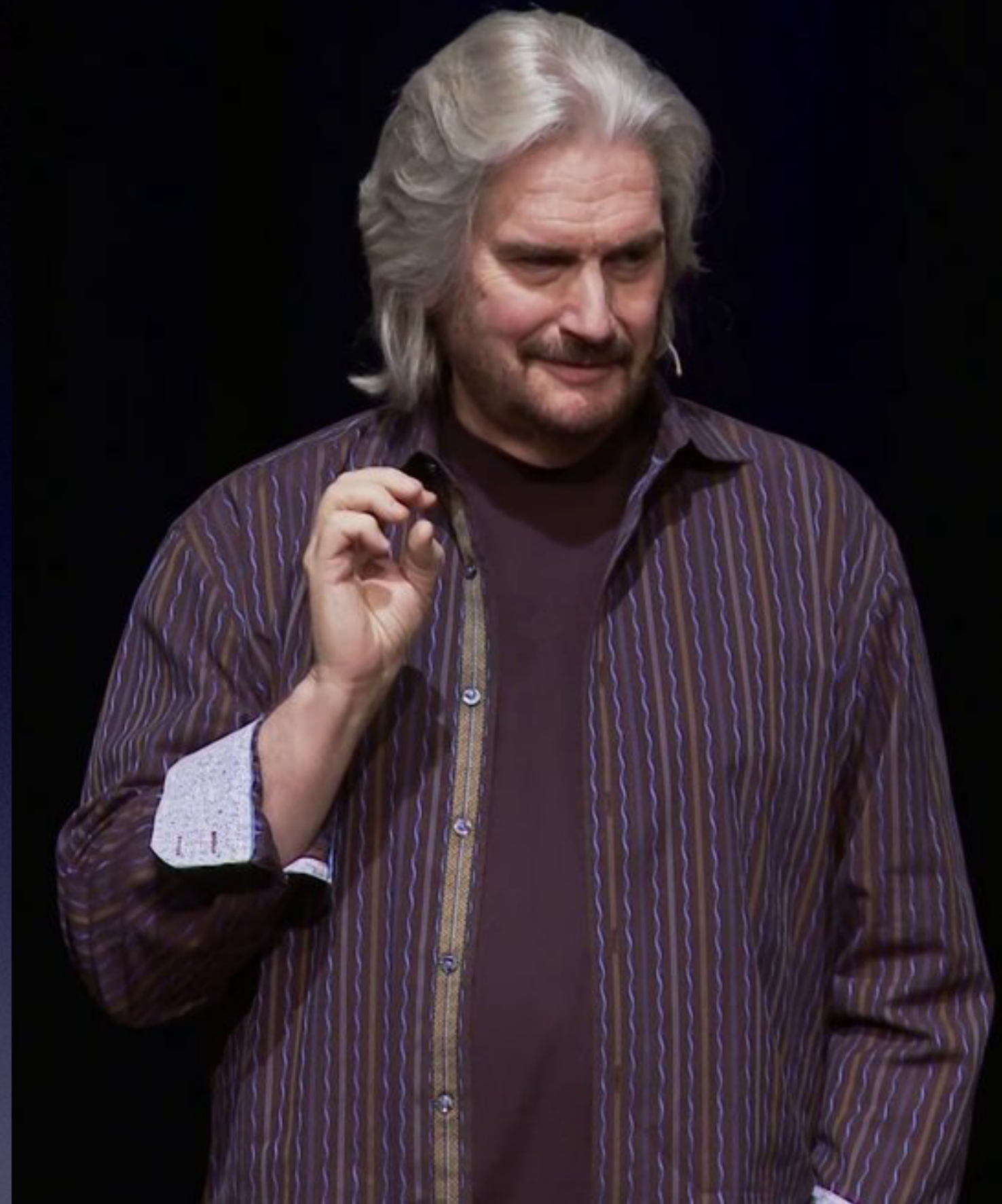
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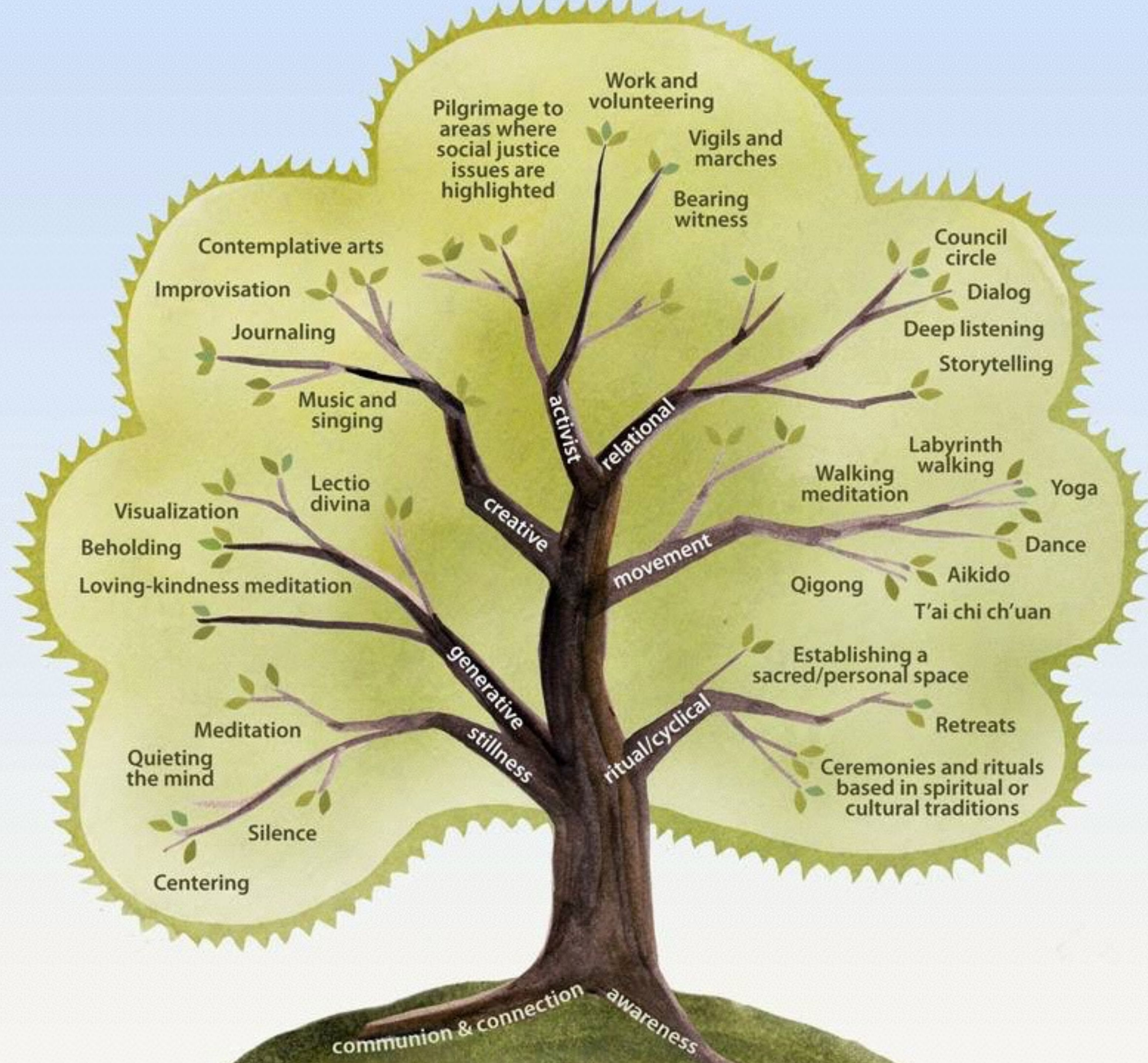
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Tree of Contemplative Practices



Heroes of Spiritual Formation



Dallas Willard



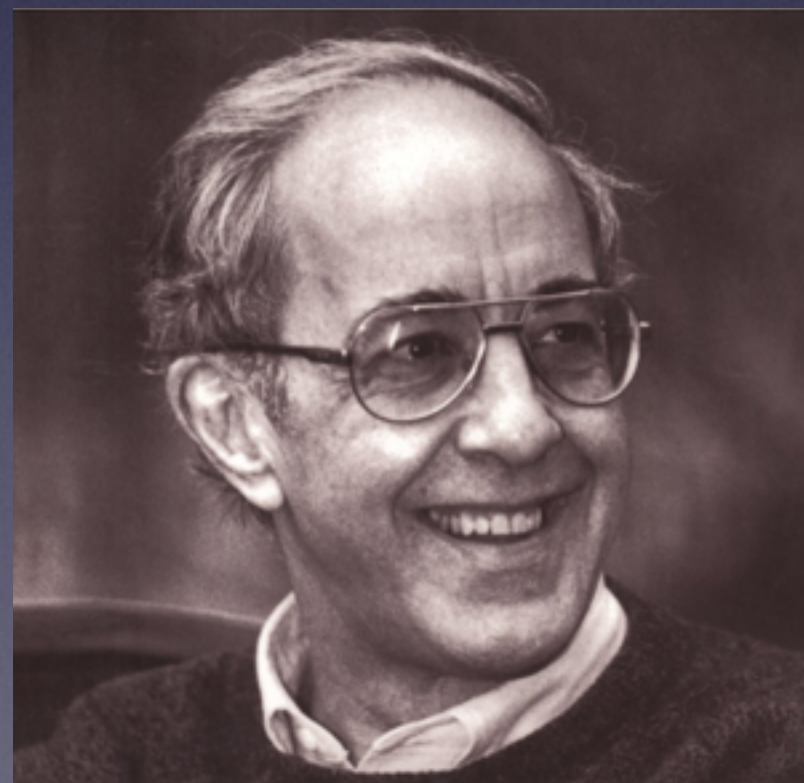
Ignatius of Loyola



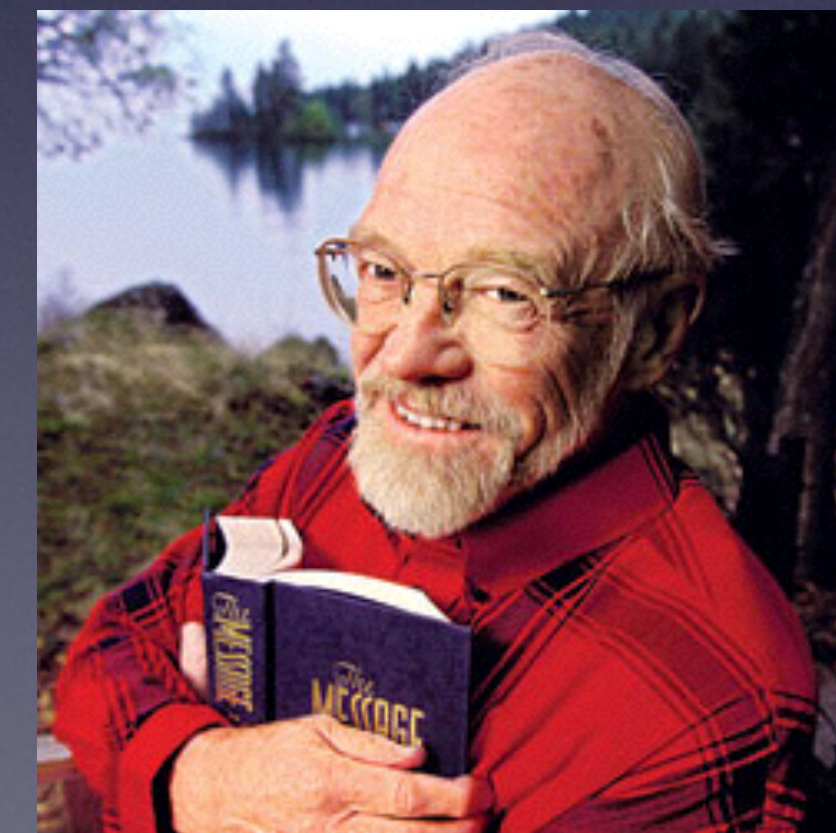
Thomas Merton



Richard Foster



Henri Nouwen



Eugene Peterson

Pope Francis' Address to Congress, 2015





“Merton was above all a man of prayer... He was also a man of dialogue, a promoter of peace between peoples and religions. ... A nation can be considered great when it [persues social justice by] her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.”

Ignatius of Loyola



Spiritual Formation
Spiritual Exercises
Guided Meditation

Ignatius of Loyola





Ignatius of Loyola

“These repetitive visions appeared as a form in the air near him and this form gave him much consolation because it was exceedingly beautiful ... it somehow seemed to have the shape of a serpent and had many things that shone like eyes, but were not eyes. He received much delight and consolation from gazing upon this object... but when the object vanished he became disconsolate.”

Wikipedia



Ignatius of Loyola



Carl Jung

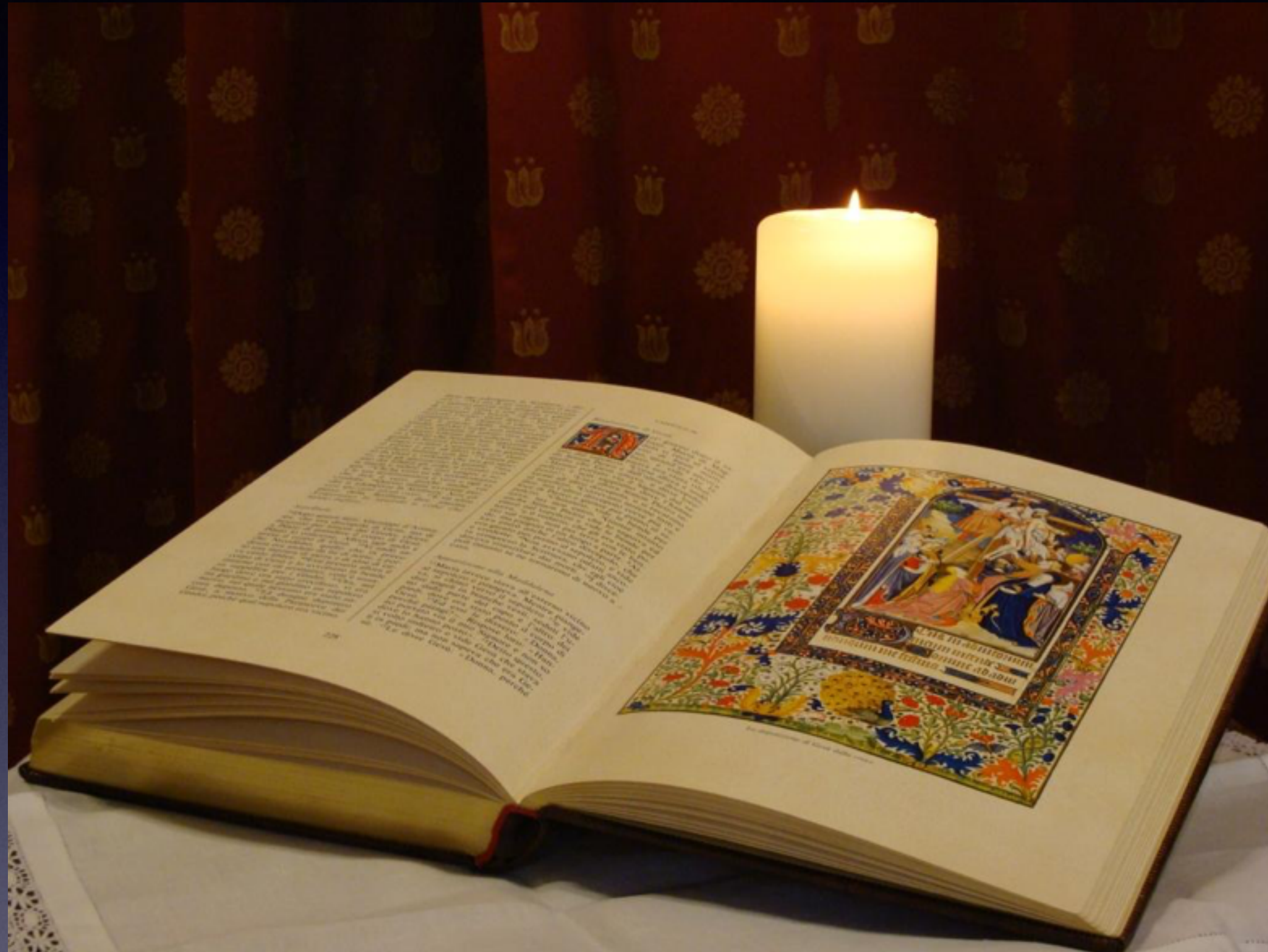
Ignatian Retreats

“[The workshop] will begin with an overview of the structure of the psyche according to Jung. The Jungian framework will then be applied to the Spiritual Exercises. Some of the themes covered will be: the archetypal imagery in Ignatius’ account of his conversion experience at Loyola; discernment of spirits and the movement of the Self toward wholeness; the Principle and Foundation and the desires of the authentic Self; connecting to unconscious psychic energy and hearing the Call of the King; the practice of Jungian active imagination and Ignatian contemplation”



**Contemplative Prayer
Centering Prayer
Christian Meditation**

Lectio Divina



Associated with the Benedictine Order

Read
Meditate
Pray
Contemplate

Labyrinth



Music Rhythm Lights



Preaching



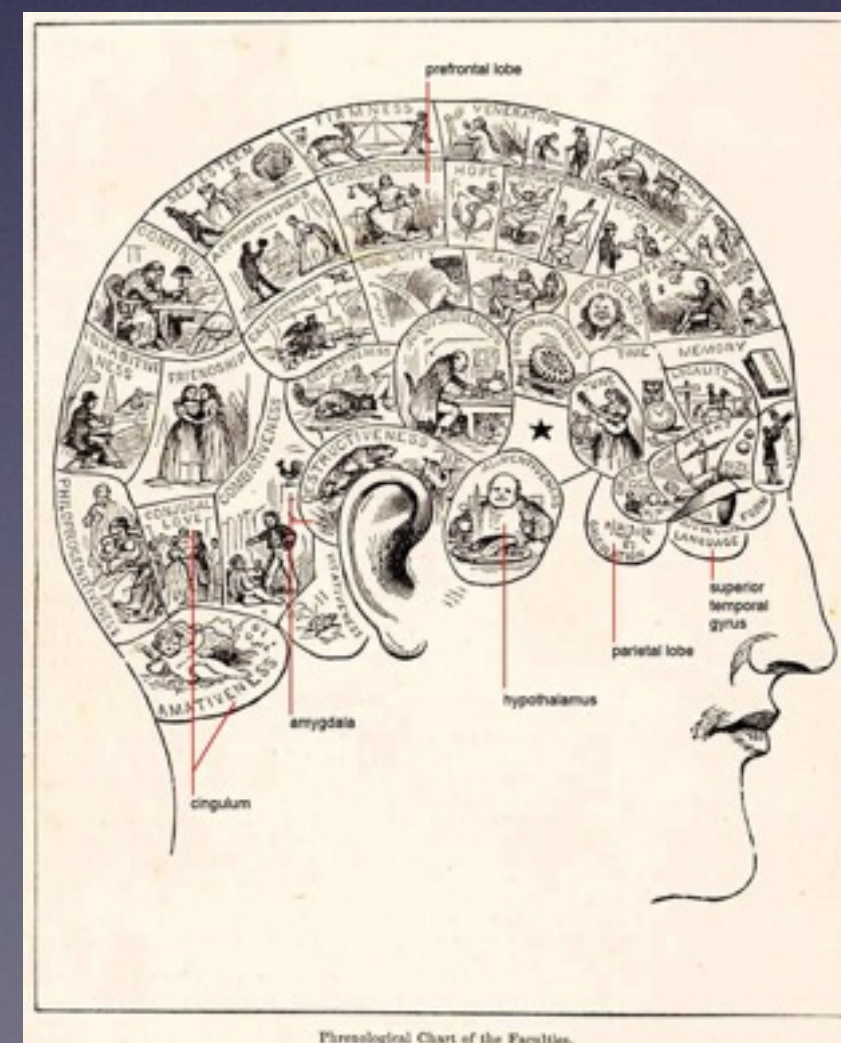
Before asking yourself before creating a sermon, ‘What is my point?’ ask yourself, ‘What is my image?’ or in more musical terms, ‘What experience do I want to compose?’ ... “Seize people by the imagination and transport them from their current world to another world, where they gain a new perspective...Disorientation, astonishment, amazement...you beam them up into the spaceship of an unexpected experience.”

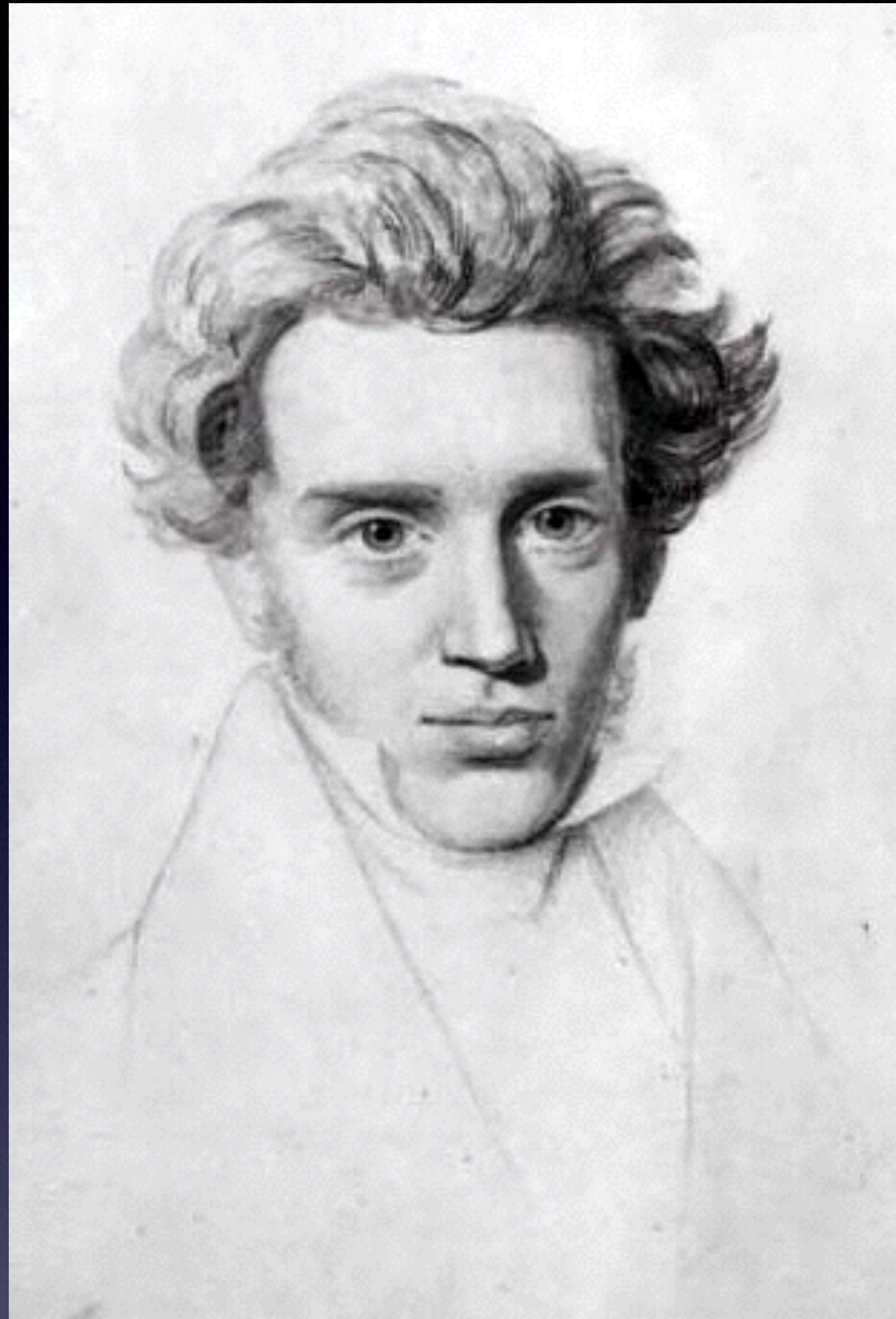
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—the language of the Emerging Church 31-32



I have been shown that we must be guarded on every side and perseveringly resist the insinuations and devices of Satan. **The sciences of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism** are the channel through which he comes more directly to this generation and works with that power which is to characterize his efforts near the close of probation.

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Soren Kierkegaard (1813 — 1855)

“the Church should not try to prove Christianity or even defend it. It should help the single individual to make a leap of faith, the faith that God is love and has a task for that very same single individual.”

Wikipedia

**Upper Room: Leap of
Faith**

**Existentialistic
Experience, Mysticism**

**Lower Room:
Materialistic
Determinism**

Matter, Daily Life



2 Timothy 2:15-16

3:1-9

3:16-17

4:1-5



As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament Scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. **Satan has blinded the minds of many so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study.** But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days; and He says, “**Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.**”



John 13:34-35



Satan is well aware that the weakest soul who abides in Christ is more than a match for the hosts of darkness, and that, should he reveal himself openly, he would be met and resisted. Therefore he seeks to draw away the soldiers of the cross from their strong fortification, while he lies in ambush with his forces, ready to destroy all who venture upon his ground. Only in humble reliance upon God, and obedience to all His commandments, can we be secure.

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